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COMMENT OF THE DAY

A Social Evil

THE British Weekly, in its latest issue, has raised the subject of social evils which afflict Hongkong, with special reference to prostitution and its attendant scourge of venereal disease. The cabled version of the article does not disclose to what extent the journal analysed the problem as a whole, but it did devote particular attention to the impact which prostitution has on the welfare and health of servicemen stationed in the Colony, and it wound up with the somewhat unfair suggestion that insufficient attention was being paid by the responsible authorities to the question of safeguarding the moral and social welfare of these men. None would insist that everything possible is being done in this direction, but a military spokesman has correctly emphasised that considerable efforts have been, and are still being made by local civilian organisations as well as by the Services social welfare departments to counteract evil influences to which servicemen are exposed. Moreover, the disclosure that the incidence of venereal disease among the troops has been cut by half during the past year indicates that the fight against this insidious and dangerous threat to the men's health is meeting with some success.

THE problem of prostitution in Hongkong does not only affect the Services. It has an impact on the social conscience of the Colony as a whole. Visibly the number of women and young girls practising the profession shows no decrease; if anything they are more ubiquitous than ever and they do not hesitate to parade the Colony's main thoroughfares during the day as well as at night. Nor are all these unfortunates deliberately wayward beings. Many of them are confronted with the same problem, which is not social, but economic. They are not, therefore, to be condemned out of hand. Nevertheless it remains a question whether the civil authorities have been as energetic as they might in dealing with prostitution. In fact it would be enlightening to know whether anything officially is being done to control, let alone eradicate this social evil. Certainly it would be interesting to be told what results have accrued from the post-war legislation which aims at discovering VD carriers, and whether there has been any success in reducing the incidence of the disease. The health and well-being of women who are forced by circumstances into a degrading calling need also to be considered, and we should like to see Government come forward with concrete proposals for dealing with the whole problem of prostitution.

New Gales Lash Coasts Of Britain & Holland

THOUSANDS OF MAROONED PERSONS IN PERIL

17 Bodies Washed Ashore At Steenbrugen

Amsterdam, Feb. 4.

Savage new gales lashed the devastated coasts of Britain and Holland on Wednesday night, whipping giant waves against broken dykes and imperilling thousands of persons marooned in Europe's worst floods.

The angry North Sea, driven by winds of 50 miles an hour, thundered into lowland regions where the toll from last weekend's flood sent death figures mounting toward the 2,000 mark.

On Wednesday night, as the sea rolled unimpeded through smashed dykes, nearly 9,000 persons were marooned on wrecked Dutch islands. Tens of thousands of others in Britain, Belgium and Holland faced a night of terror.

Several temporary dykes guarding villages in south-western Holland were washed away under the first impact of winds whistling at 50 miles an hour. United Press staff correspondent Harold Melahn saw sandbag emplacements crumble and dykes become undermined when he left the 450,000-acre Dutch flood zone at nightfall.

Seventeen bodies were washed ashore at Steenbrugen in flooded Brabant during the storm tonight.

The population of the village of Almkerk were ordered to evacuate and important dykes were reported to be seriously weakened between Zerikzee and Brouwershaven on Schouwen Duiveland Island and at Klundert in Western Brabant.

Breaks in the dykes at either of these places might result in further loss of lives, it was feared.

The Dutch weather bureau predicted that the wind would veer to the northwest—a direction which is the most feared by Dutchmen who have fought the sea for centuries. It was a hurricane from the northwest that breached dykes, killed an estimated 1,500 persons and left 300,000 homeless in Holland some years ago.

Gusts of 78 miles an hour recorded, meanwhile, in remote islands off Northern Scotland, the first area to suffer last weekend. At the same time strong winds drove against the flooded farms of Yorkshire in northern England. In Norfolk County, to the south, families began fleeing to high ground after orders had been issued to evacuate all children from the region of the rampant great Ouse River. Thirty-five thousand people live in the area, 6,000 of them in homes believed to be subject to new flooding.

BRITONS WARNED

In the House of Commons the Home Secretary, Sir David Maxwell Fyfe, warned that the country must be prepared for further flooding on the next spring high tides of February 16.

Referring to criticism that Britain had no adequate flood warning system, Sir David said that Britain had been fortunate in having suffered no similar ordeal in this century and no Government had organised a system.

But, he promised, "I have given instructions that the devising of a warning system should be explored as a matter of urgency."

Police in loudspeaker vans toured King's Lynn tonight warning of new danger. In driving rain 10 ambulances stood ready outside the Police station.

In the Norfolk danger area 1,500 firemen and 350 pumps were standing by.

Shipping raced for shelter from the rapidly rising seas.

The known death toll at 6 p.m. GMT was 1,668—1,223 in Holland, 418 in Britain, 20 in Belgium and seven in Germany.

The new storm forced down helicopters in Holland and many of the planes which, in a tremendous airlift operation, on Wednesday took off most of the survivors of one hard-hit island. They were taken to various bases so it was difficult to estimate the number rescued but officials said that it was "in thousands."

Only a few hundred are believed to be still marooned in different places on the island.

The Burgomaster of Steenbrugen in Brabant sent an appeal for huge mattresses with which to stop dyke gaps and the Burgomaster of Oude Tongen advised that dykes protecting his town were weakening. He said that there were 12 dead and 200 missing. Other reports have spoken of about 200 dead in a barn near Oude Tonge.

SHOOT TO KILL

Shoot to kill orders were issued at Gravendess, Holland, where seven persons were arrested. More than 1,000 Federal Police were rushed into the Dutch flood area to maintain order. Looting attempts were also reported on battered Canvey Island at the mouth of the Thames River in Britain.

The Dutch Radio said that 1,000 people were in danger at Abdenbroke on Voorne Island, that a group of 1,000 were marooned on Goereeverflakkee Island and that it was trying to learn the fate of 400 people who were on St Philipsland Island when the flood struck. Another group was isolated on the remains of a dyke near Bornchel on Goereeverflakkee Island where waters tore a 100-foot gap on Tuesday night.

DAY OF MOURNING

Queen Juliana has named Sunday as a national day of mourning and special prayers will be offered in churches of all denominations. The Queen will broadcast to the nation.

In England 1,000 villagers, Royal Air Force volunteers and Cambridge University students, who dropped their books to enter the desperate "battle of the house gap" in Norfolk, strove to fill up a 60-yard gap torn in the east bank of the river near Magdalen Road and rail contact with London was already cut. The Police and Coastguard men set up a radio station to broadcast warnings.—United Press.

TROOPS CALLED IN

London, Feb. 4.

The Army Eastern Command reported today that more than 3,000 troops under that Command are repairing sea walls, rescuing cattle and performing other tasks in flooded East coast areas.

Men of the Middlesex Regiment, who recently returned from Korea and Hongkong and are now returning from leave, will soon be helping in the work along with men of the Royal East Kent, Royal West Kent, Suffolk and Essex regiments.

Also engaged on anti-flood work are men from the 1st Battalion Devonshire Regiment, Royal Corps of the Signals, the Royal Army Service Corps water transport section, the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers, the Royal Norfolk Regiment, the Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment, the Northamptonshire Regiment, the Royal Artillery and the Royal Engineers.

In the Northern Command, the main task of the troops is sandbagging in the Mablethorpe, Lincolnshire, area where there is a three-mile-long breakthrough.

Troops from the Army Northern Command engaged there include the 30th Army Engineering Regiment, the 62nd H.A.A. Regiment.—Reuter.

STRAYS TO BE SHOT

Ostend, Feb. 4.

All stray dogs found after 5 p.m. in the streets of this flood ravaged city will be shot to avoid possible epidemics, the authorities decided today.

The Ostend veterinary surgeon patrol all butcheries to see whether the meat sold conforms with the requirements of public health regulations.

Black marketeers have reportedly tried to sell contaminated potatoes to farmers of the area for pig feeding.

Schools will reopen next Monday unless the situation worsens with tonight's expected storm.

Authorities said nothing was to be feared for Ostend. The centre of the storm is far away, they said.—Associated Press.

EAST AFRICA STORM

Beira, Feb. 4.

Strong winds swept Beira in Portuguese East Africa today, uprooting hundreds of trees, destroying scores of bungalows and native huts and unroofing several buildings. All port activity was stopped as ships in the harbour kept up steam and strengthened their moorings.

No casualties were reported.—Associated Press.

Sweets Again Off Ration

London, Feb. 4.

Food Minister Gwilym Lloyd George ended sweet rationing today and hopes the children would not get left behind in the race to the shops.

Sweets and chocolates have been strictly rationed in Britain since 1942 to conserve sugar which is still rationed.

They were taken off the ration once by the late Labour Government, but had to be put back because the public rush for them made them too scarce for equitable distribution.—Reuter.

Ship Sails With Jet Fuel For Red China

Washington, Feb. 4.

The United States failed in an attempt to stop a shipment of 7,000 tons of aviation jet fuel from Rumania to Communist China and a Finnish tanker carrying the strategic cargo is reported to be en route to the Far East today via the Suez Canal.

Owned by a shipping company in Helsinki, the tanker is reported to have taken on the cargo recently at the Black Sea port of Burgas in Rumania.

Informed sources said that the State Department, when it learned of the ship's destination, asked both the Finnish and Turkish Governments to stop the shipment. Both replied that they were powerless to intrude.

These sources said they believe that the United States will take no steps to block the shipment.

Turkey's reply was said to have included the reminder that international agreements provide for the free transit of all ships through the Dardanelles Straits.

NOT RECIPIENT

Finland does not receive any American aid that could be stopped because of the shipment.

Neither Finland nor Rumania is a member of the United Nations which adopted a resolution banning the shipment of strategic items to Communist China and North Korea when the Korean war began.

The only possibility of stopping the jet fuel shipment appeared now to be in the hands of the Chinese Nationalist navy. An informed source pointed out that the tanker might be challenged by new Nationalist naval units if it ventures into Formosan waters.

The tanker's voyage is expected to take about two weeks. The precise destination of the ship is not immediately known. However, if the fuel is en route to the Korean war zone it might be unloaded at Russian-held Dairen, Manchuria, or the Soviet port of Vladivostok.

The State Department's unsuccessful intervention in this case raised again the question of a possible blockade on the Red China coast—to choke off war materials being unloaded at Communist ports in the Far East.—United Press.

Red Proposal Unacceptable

London, Feb. 4.

Chinese Communist Prime Minister Chou En-lai's proposal today for an immediate ceasefire in Korea followed by a political conference on the fate of prisoners of war was totally unacceptable to Britain, a Foreign Office spokesman said here tonight.

The Foreign Office spokesman pointed out that the proposal was substantially the same as that contained in the Soviet resolution on the ending of the fighting in Korea which was defeated in the United Nations General Assembly before Christmas.

Britain refused to conclude an armistice in Korea until settlement has been reached on the last remaining point of disagreement—the prisoner of war issue.—Reuter.

LEPERS RIOT

Bombay, Feb. 4.

A mob of rioting lepers from the Aoworth Lever Home near here bombarded the staff with knives and stones in a demonstration against alleged bad food and conditions.

Six staff members and six patients were injured before police broke up the riot with tear gas and arrested four of the ringleaders.—Associated Press.

Survivors Of Ferryboat Disaster

Draggled hair hangs over the faces of these two survivors of the Princess Victoria which sank in a fierce gale last week a few miles off Belfast Lough. They are L/Cpl Albert Dickie (right) and Fus. Walter Baker, and they are seen drinking a welcome cup of tea after their terrifying experience.—Reuter-photo.

Dulles Had A Hard Task Convincing Churchill And Eden

London, Feb. 4.

The American Secretary of State, Mr John Foster Dulles, had a difficult time today to convince British ministers that President Eisenhower's new Formosa policy will not increase the danger of a general war.

Usually reliable sources said he managed only partly to reassure the British, alarmed by the decision to allow General Chiang Kai-shek to attack the Communist mainland of China.

Closeted for seven hours with ministers and senior officials, Mr Dulles is understood to have told them that he believed British fears that the decision would invite Communist retaliation and antagonise anti-Communists in Asia were exaggerated.

With Mr Stassen he then had a 90-minute session—discussing European affairs—with Mr Eden, Mr Butler and the British Defence Minister, Earl Alexander.

The American visitors had lunch with Prime Minister Winston Churchill and Mr Eden. Then followed two sessions, each lasting two hours, when Eastern affairs were reviewed.

The British Ministers told the Americans they recognised the military case for withdrawing Mr Truman's orders of June 1950 to the United States 7th Fleet to shield the China mainland from Nationalist attacks.

DOUBT RESULT

The intention they understood was to force a redeployment of Communist forces and so relieve pressure on Korea and Indo-China.

But they said they believe the decision would not achieve this result and would also provoke unfortunate political repercussions.

Mr Eden is reporting on the Far Eastern aspect of his talks with Mr Dulles to the House of Commons tomorrow (Thursday) in a special one-day debate—demanded by the Labour opposition — on the Formosa question.

Mr Dulles and British ministers and their advisers this morning discussed Britain's relationship with the future six-nation European Defence Community and also reviewed the Middle East situation.

A communique issued after today's talks said that there had been full recognition of the need for rapid progress in setting up the European Defence Community but did not specifically mention Formosa.—Reuter.

"GOOD DEAL HAPPIER"

London, Feb. 4.

American Secretary of State John Foster Dulles assured Britain on Wednesday the United States will continue its policy of trying to limit the Korean war, British informant reported.

The official said talks between American and British leaders have ended with Prime Minister Churchill and Foreign Secretary Eden "a good deal happier" than when the conference began early on Wednesday.

Mr Dulles' reported assurance came after Mr Eden had expressed Britain's disapproval of the United States action in demutralising Formosa. In the course of a private chat between the two Foreign Secretaries earlier in the day, Eden was said to have outlined Britain's fears regarding the move which leaves Chinese Nationalists free to raid their Red-ruled homeland.—Associated Press.

CREW ESCAPE IN PYJAMAS

Madrid, Feb. 4.

The crew of the British radar demonstration ship Blue Coral escaped in their pyjamas today when the vessel capsized and sank in the docks at Palamos after being gutted by fire.

Earlier the crew after a desperate fight to save their ship stood silently at attention while the flames burnt the Ensign fluttering from her stern.

The fire broke out during the night and apparently spread to the fuel tanks.

All her radar equipment, used for demonstrations in Spanish ports, was destroyed.—Reuter.

£100 Fine For Breaking Racial Law

Johannesburg, Feb. 4.

Patrick Duncan, son of a former Governor-General of South Africa, was fined £100 with the alternative of 100 days in gaol today for entering the Germiston coloured area illegally last December.

Appearing with him on similar charges were Manilal Gandhi, son of Mahatma Gandhi, and four other Europeans, including three women. Permits are needed to enter the coloured areas.

Gandhi, editor of a South African newspaper and a bitter opponent of the country's racial segregation laws, was fined £50 with the option of going to gaol for 50 days. The other defendants were fined amounts ranging from £50 to £20.

All eight defendants said they will appeal.—Associated Press.

Handcuffed Prisoner Escapes By Smashing Bus Window

Glasgow, Feb. 3.

John Mitchell Cowan, one of 21 prisoners being taken in a police bus from Edinburgh to Glasgow, today smashed the window of the bus with his handcuffs, leapt through the broken glass and made his escape across a railway embankment.

Cowan's getaway took place when the bus stopped for traffic lights in Glasgow.

Another prisoner tried to follow him through the broken window, but he was stopped by one of the escorting warders.

After jumping from the bus, Cowan disappeared down a side street. Later Police converged on the area surrounding Carntyne dog track, after residents reported seeing Cowan, his face and hands covered with blood, running through a prefab housing site.

He was on his way to the prison here to serve six years for assault and robbery.—Reuter.

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Pirates Preying On Smugglers In Mediterranean

Rome, Feb. 4.

Pirates are roving the Mediterranean again for the first time since the fierce Corsairs of Barbary were wiped out 300 years ago.

They have come in the wake of the smugglers who run thousands of tons of cigarettes from Tangiers to Europe's Mediterranean coasts every year.

"We have heard plenty of stories of piracy, but so far these new buccaneers have only preyed on smugglers," an Italian coastguard official said. "So good luck to them".

A British owner of a large yacht—which—cruised—round Mediterranean ports all last year added: "It is often difficult to draw the line between the crews who run cigarettes into Europe and the pirates who attack them.

"One well-known case is that of a Dutch ship of between 200 and 300 tons which left Tangiers with a big cargo of American and English cigarettes.

"She was a slow ship, and the pirates lay in wait for her outside Tangiers with a fast launch.

"Bristling with guns, they had no difficulty in taking her over and locking up th crew.

"They sailed her to a rendezvous off the Sardinian coast where they delivered her cargo to Italian off-shore smugglers, pocketed huge profits, released the crew and made off quickly in their own launch which had followed".

MIXED CREWS

This British owner-skipper said that most of the pirate crews of whom he had heard were "mixed bunches"—sometimes led by a British captain and including men of many nationalities.

"Although the ships loaded with cigarettes which clear for sea at Tangiers are obviously taking part in a huge smuggling operation, they cannot legally be challenged unless they enter the three-mile limit of European waters.

"Usually they hand over their cargo to off-shore smugglers before reaching the limit.

"They are thus in the clear as far as the law is concerned. But in their struggle with pirates they cannot expect much sympathy from the law of any country".

Another Briton, who claimed to have sailed all last year as cook in a converted British M.T.B. (motor torpedo-boat) engaged—in—smuggling,—said: "The biggest danger in the trade now lies in fast, unidentifiable craft which loom up at night, sometimes with and sometimes without the splutter of machine-gun bullets.

CUSTOMS "FIXED"

"On one trip I made, we were chased into Nice harbour with one of these devils after us.

"In the various trips I made, we had no difficulty with Coast Guards or Customs. Our skipper, who was British, said that the organisation we were working for 'fixed' them at the points where we neared land with a cargo.

"This organisation was obviously a big one. We never knew anything about its ramifications. All we did was carry out orders given us at the last moment."

The smuggling of tobacco from Tangiers and to a lesser extent from Switzerland is the main problem facing Italian Coast Guards and Customs men.

In the last three years, the police have arrested hundred of Italian fishermen and other tobacco-runners.

"But we realise these are only small fry," a police official declared. "We have not yet succeeded in putting our hands on any of the big organisations which we know must exist."

Italian police officials frankly admit that there is little hope of stamping out this smuggling so long as the State continues to levy a 79 per cent tax on the sale price of tobacco and cigarettes.—Reuter.

MCCARTHY OFF ON A NEW INVESTIGATION

State Department Probe

Washington, Feb. 4.

Senator Joseph McCarthy (Republican-Wisconsin) launched a new public investigation today of one of his old targets, the State Department.

Senator McCarthy refused to name in advance the witnesses he has called before his Senate Investigations Sub-Committee for an inquiry into handling of State Department personnel files.

Senator McCarthy has said only he would lead off with three State Department workers as witnesses. He thought it will take more than one day to complete the inquiry.

Senator McCarthy last week made public a letter to the Secretary of State, John Foster Dulles, announcing he intended to look into what he called mismanagement of personnel files. Communism and other subversive activities are not subjects of the inquiry, he said.

For years, Sen. McCarthy has contended that the Department harboured Reds and their sympathisers, but he has evidently yielded formal search for any of them, at least for the present, to the Senate Internal Security Sub-Committee.

Senator William E. Jenner (Republican-Indiana), successor to Senator Pat McCarran (Democrat-Nevada) as Chairman of that chief Senate Red-hunting arm, said 10 areas of inquiry have been staked out for months ahead. They included the United Nations, the Army and the State Department.

He intends to call the Sub-committee together in the next day or two to bring new members up to date and to draw up definite plans for forthcoming investigations.

REACH AGREEMENT

Senator Jenner has consulted with Representative Harold H. Velde (Republican-Illinois), Chairman of the House Un-American Activities Committee, to avoid duplication in the work of the two investigating units. Similar consultations have been held with Sen. McCarthy.

Sen. Jenner announced that his Sub-Committee has abandoned plans to launch a hunt into alleged Communist influence in the nation's schools and colleges, because Rep. Velde's House group has one under way and already has started to subpoena witnesses.

Sen. Jenner and Sen. McCarthy went before the Senate Republican Policy Committee on Tuesday. After the closed door meeting Sen. Jenner said the two had agreed that Sen. McCarthy's Sub-committee would deal primarily with corruption and mismanagement" in government, and let the Jenner group serve as the Senate's chief Red-hunting unit.

Aside from searches for disloyal Americans on the United Nations staff, in the Army and the State Department, Sen. Jenner declined to disclose what fields of inquiry his Sub-Committee has in mind.

Last week the Senate voted to give the Sub-Committee $150,000 in new funds to add to $69,000 it has left over from previous allotments.

Sen. McCarthy's investigation today comes on the heels of a one-day public hearing yesterday, marked by testimony that many millions of dollars of Federal public assistance funds are paid to "chiselers" and other ineligible persons.

Sen. McCarthy announced he hoped Mrs Oveta Culp Hobby, the new Republican head of the Federal Security Agency, will suggest corrective steps. The FSA administers public assistance, health and other programmes.

Mrs Hobby did not attend. But Jack Beardwood, an assistant, said she is "highly cognisant" of the problem, and is trying to solve it.—Associated Press.

Facing The Same Enemy

Belgrade, Feb. 4.

The Yugoslav Foreign Minister, Koca Popovic, said today that Greece and Yugoslavia were faced by a common danger from the same aggressor and should therefore work together more and more for peace in the Balkans.

He was speaking at a luncheon in honour of the Greek Foreign Minister, Stephen Stephanopoulos, who arrived yesterday for defence talks.

M. Popovic welcomed the visit as an "important new contribution to our further mutual rapprochement."

Replying, M. Stephanopoulos said he was convinced that his visit would reveal a complete identity of views between the Greeks and the Yugoslavs.—Reuter.

REFUGEE FLOOD GOES ON

Berlin, Feb. 4.

The Jewish immigration chief in Europe said today that Israel would advance the emigration to Israel of all Jews who have fled the Soviet Zone.

Mr Elizar Unger, the Jewish Agency's European immigration leader, said in an interview that Israel would accept all Soviet Zone Jews who wished to go there, without limitations or restrictions of any kind.

An immigration office was opened today in West Berlin for Jews who have fled from Communist and Semitism. About ten of the 500 Jews who fled East Germany have applied to go to Israel.

Some 1,500 East German refugees, including 12 Jews, asked asylum in West Berlin today. The refugee total for the week is 5,500.

The East German premier, Otto Grotewohl, in an effort to halt the refugee flow, told Parliament the West Germans were being "lured" to the West by a "campaign of lies". He said the Soviet Zone Government would take these East Germans back if they returned.

In addition to the refugees, thousands of East Germans are crossing into West Berlin to attend the "Green Week" agricultural exhibition, which opened on January 31 and closes on February 8.

The United States High Commission announced that 116,000 East Germans and East Berliners had attended the exhibition so far.

In an effort to keep East Germans out of West Berlin, the Communists plan to control all roads leading from the Soviet Zone into East Berlin, the West Berlin "Fighting Group Against Inhumanity" said today. Western officials believe the Communists may shut down the East-West city border completely.

The Communists today erected dirt mounds, designed to slow down traffic, on two more main East-West city roads. Eight streets connecting East and West Berlin are now partially blocked by such mounds and 25 barricaded completely.

Among the refugees who registered today were the chief of the Leipzig Bureau of the East German News Service ADN, the deputy chief of the news agency's Potsdam Bureau and two Christian Democratic officials.—United Press.

Climbers' Feat

Santiago, Feb. 4.

A five-man Chilean mountain-climbing team today claimed it had conquered 23,080-foot high Mt. Aconcagua, loftiest peak in the Andes. Japanese, Brazilian and Argentine teams also have claimed they have reached its summit during the past month.

Aconcagua is in Argentina territory just east of the Chilean border.—Associated Press.

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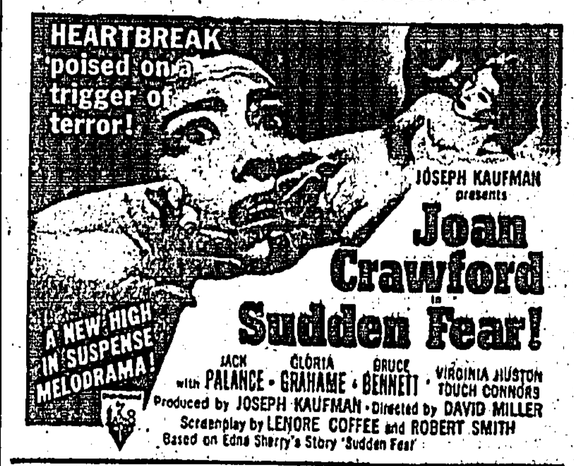

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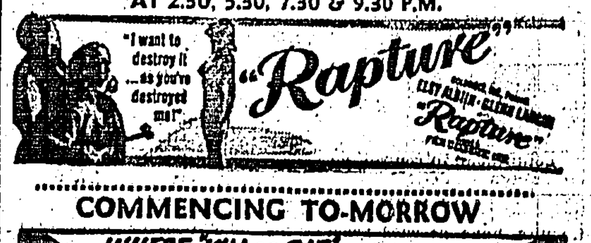

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EUROPEAN DEFENCE ISSUE

Objections To Army On "Pool" System

Paris, Feb. 4.

The French Air Minister, Pierre Montel, claimed today that France had the right to revise certain protocols of the European Defence Community Treaty (E.D.C.).

"France wants to see Europe free, but she is also concerned with her own liberties," he said.

Not a single Frenchman thought France should assume the entire responsibility for the defence of Europe, the Minister said.

"When I am asked: 'Should Germans take part in the defence of the Western world', I reply: 'A thousand times yes.'"

Increasing opposition to sacrificing French Army independence in a "pooled" European Army was reflected in the election of two strong opponents of the scheme today to key posts on the National Assembly's Commissions examining the European Defence Community Treaty.

Their election was generally conceded to show that a majority of the National Assembly, excluding Communists, is hostile to abandoning the sovereignty of the French Armed Forces.

The Foreign Affairs Commission elected Socialist Jules Moch as its rapporteur on the proposed European Army talks and the Defence Commission elected Gaullist General Pierre Koenig.

Candidates favouring supranational powers under the existing treaty were decisively defeated for the posts.

Observers believe that, in a vote on the supranational issue in the next four months, the present treaty would not be ratified by the National Assembly.—Reuter.

Espionage In Sweden

Stockholm, Feb. 4.

The Prime Minister, Tage Erlander, today refused Conservative and Liberal demands for restrictions on the movement of Soviet diplomats in Sweden.

Conservative leader Jarl Hjalmarsson told the Lower House of Parliament during the debate: "It is completely obvious that the Soviet Embassy and the legations co-operating with it had played a considerable role in the espionage against our country."

The Minister of the Interior, Mr Gunnar Hedlund, supported the Prime Minister's refusal, but gave this warning: "The espionage carried out in this country has made it absolutely necessary for us to sharpen our watch, not least of the unreliable elements among our citizens."—Reuter.

Southampton's Moth Man

A Defensive Alliance For Free Asian Nations Seen As Necessity

VIEWS OF FAR EAST OBSERVER

Singapore, Feb. 4.

The time is now ripe and the situation absolutely clear to Asian nations that some kind of defensive alliance among them is needed on the lines of NATO or something similar, a well-informed Asian diplomatic observer here told the United Press.

The observer was commenting on the new situation created by President Eisenhower's decision to withdraw the United States Seventh Fleet from the Formosa Strait.

The observer, who declined to be identified, said that any defence alliance for Pacific Asia, however, must be sponsored by and include Asian nations to be successful.

Any defence set-up for Asia composed only of such nations like the United States, Britain, France, Australia and New Zealand would definitely not have the support of Asian peoples, especially those who have a suspicion of colonial or imperial policy.

The observer said that even the United States was not free from suspicion and any move by her in this direction was bound to be misunderstood as encouraging prolongation of the last vestiges of colonialism by the Western Powers in Asia.

India, the Philippines, Thailand, Japan and Burma, the observer said, must make a definite stand now and unite into a solid bloc against aggression or face the threat of being gobbled up one by one, as happened in Europe when Hitler and Mussolini started moving before World War II.

He said that in the initial stages these nations could form the nucleus of a Pacific pact and then gradually expand to take in other countries which may like to join.

ANZUS PACT

If some of them were fearful of being involved in a fight between the two Chinese regimes, the observer suggested that they could arrange it so that the nucleus would compose only those countries not directly involved, indicating that both Chinese regimes may be left out.

Commenting on Anzus, the observer said that a Pacific pact could exist simultaneously with Anzus. In the case of Australia and New Zealand, he said, they could either join Asian countries in a Pacific pact or rely on the United States for their defence under the Anzus alliance.

The diplomatic observer said that a Pacific pact without India could still serve a useful purpose although the importance of her inclusion could not be overemphasised.

He noted that India liked to take a neutral stand but stressed that no one could be neutral because the struggle in the world today was a global one in that whatever advance Communism makes in Europe will affect Asia and vice-versa.

The threat by Communists in India was not so imminent as in other countries in Asia such as Thailand, Burma, Indo-China, Malaya and the Philippines which, perhaps, was one of the reasons why Mr Nehru chose to remain aloof in the East-West cold war.

A POSITIVE POLICY

The observer said it was true that Asian nations had no vast standing armies but he pointed out that neither had India.

He added that like India, other Asian countries, too, had vast populations and natural resources and given a chance to develop they should be able to field armies as good, if not better than what the Western Powers could produce.

As an example he pointed to the 12 divisions of ROK troops at present fighting in Korea which comprised two-thirds of the United Nations forces there.

President Eisenhower's action would definitely have psychological effects in that it had given Asian countries proof that the foreign policy of the new American administration was a positive one.

It had also created a situation which forced the Chinese Reds to be on guard against the possibility of an invasion from Formosa, no matter how remote it might be.

Although the Chinese Reds might not find it necessary to withdraw men from Korea, their supplies were bound to be affected as they would need to equip armies needed to garrison the long China coastline.

These needs, the observer said, would force Red China to call on Russia for more aid which, in turn, would strain Russian resources. In this manner, he added, pressure in Korea would be distributed.

Although the observer does not foresee any real invasion of the China mainland in the immediate future, he said that initial successes of Nationalist raids might boost the morale of guerilla forces on the China mainland, and the people who were now being oppressed by the Chinese Communists were bound to rally to aid Chiang Kai-shek's raiders.—United Press.

"Ike's" Nominees Approved

Appointments To Defence Posts

Washington, Feb. 4.

Four members of President Dwight D. Eisenhower's Defence Department team won unanimous approval from the U.S. Senate Armed Services Committee today — even before their nominations had been formally submitted to the Senate.

Committee approval came as the Senate prepared to debate the nomination of Harold E. Talbott to be Secretary of the Air Force.

The Senate was expected to confirm Mr Talbott for the post, last of the five senior Defence Department jobs still unfilled. Chairman Leverett Saltonstall (Republican-Massachusetts) of the Armed Services Committee forecast "confirmation after a little more talk."

But Senator Estes Kefauver (Democrat-Tennessee) said he is still not satisfied with Mr Talbott's replies to criticism of World War I aircraft contracts by Congressional Committees and Charles Evans Hughes, special Presidential investigator in 1917-18.

The Armed Services Committee acted on four additional defence nominations today after Senator Saltonstall produced a letter from President Eisenhower promising to send the nominations to the Senate during the day.

Approved by the Committee after a brief hearing were these four members of "little cabinet" rank:

TRUMAN MEN

John A. Hannah, President of Michigan State College, Assistant Secretary of Defence for Manpower and Personnel, succeeding Mrs Anna M. Rosenberg.

Charles S. Thomas of California, head of a retail clothing store, Under-Secretary of the Navy.

Earl Dallas Johnson of Connecticut, now an Assistant Secretary of the Army, to be Under-Secretary of the Army.

Frank C. Nash of Washington, Assistant Secretary of Defence co-ordinating all foreign aid and international programmes.

Mr Nash and Mr Johnson are hold-overs from the Truman Administration and served under Robert Lovett.

All four officials promised the Committee they would sell off any stocks or financial holdings they believed might involve conflicts with their official positions.

Senator Saltonstall hopes to win Senate confirmation for the four new nominees at a Friday session of the Senate.—Associated Press.

East German Defences

Berlin, Feb. 4.

East Germany's 1953 budget is to strengthen the country's socialising campaign and set up national defence forces, Premier Otto Grotewohl told the Volkskammer (Parliament) today.

"Our budget's main aim is to provide investments for the increase and strengthening of our Socialist economy," he said.

"Another main aim is to secure the means for defence preparations."—Reuter.

BONN'S MOVE

Bonn, Feb. 4.

The West German Bundestag (Lower House of Parliament) tonight decided to increase the strength of the frontier police from 10,000 to 20,000.

The men have to guard 135 miles of frontier with East Germany and Czechoslovakia.—Reuter.

Tito To Visit Turkey

Belgrade, Feb. 4.

The Yugoslav Tanjug News Agency announced today that Marshal Tito had accepted an invitation to visit Turkey this year, if his engagements permitted.

No date for his visit has been definitely set. The invitation was extended by the President of the Turkish Republic, Mr C. Bayar.

The invitation was relayed to Marshal Tito by Mr H. Reyhen, head of the Turkish Parliamentary Delegation now winding up a 15-day visit to Yugoslavia.—France-Presse.

FATE OF A FUGITIVE

Washington, Feb. 4.

The State Department has been investigating a report that John Hvasta, former American G.I., has been recaptured after escaping from prison in Czechoslovakia.

Hvasta was serving a 10-year term following his conviction on charges of espionage. The Czechoslovak Government informed the Embassy last August he had escaped from prison near Bratislava, January 2, 1952.

The report that Hvasta had been recaptured was published by the Free Czechoslovak Information Bulletin along with the statement that the report came by way of Austria from a source whose information could not be checked. The report was that Hvasta was captured near the village of Lipovnik-Bojna, Slovakia, and delivered to a Communist regional court at Bratislava.—Associated Press.

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PRESS PHOTOGRAPHS

Copies of photographs taken by the South China Morning Post, South China Sunday Post-Herald, and China Mail Staff Photographers are on view in the Morning Post Building.

ORDERS BOOKED

Disaster Victims Buried

Belfast, Feb. 4.

More of the 128 passengers and crew, who died when the Stranraer-Larne ferry steamer Princess Victoria sank in a storm off the Copeland Islands on Saturday, were buried in Northern Ireland today.

Among them was Major M. Sinclair, Northern Ireland Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance. Constituents whom Major Sinclair represented for 15 years were among thousands who lined the route from his home to the family burying ground. The Governor of Northern Ireland attended. Mr Winston Churchill was represented by Lord Birkenhead.

Police and coast guards kept watch today along County Down for more bodies from the Princess Victoria, which lies six miles off the coast.

Eighty-three bodies have been recovered so far, leaving 45 still missing. Up to this morning, 80 bodies had been identified.—Reuter.

Rebels Driven Out

Rangoon, Feb. 4.

Burmese Government troops today drove 300 Karen rebels from the town of Einme, 100 miles west of Rangoon, after fierce hand-to-hand fighting. Einme was seized by rebels last week.—Associated Press.

HE CLIMBS BY NIGHT

A man whose unusual—and estimable—hobby makes him a nocturnal climber of lamp-posts is Mr Courtenay Hosking, of Wilton Road, Southampton, a 35-year-old draughtsman in the Ordnance Survey Office and a keen amateur entomologist for many years.

Ever since he was a boy, Mr Hosking has wandered abroad after dark in search of moths. He has made countless night-time expeditions in Cornwall (he was born in the Cornish village of Wall), Surrey and Hampshire.

His hunting equipment, in addition to deer-stalker hat and warm clothing, consists of a large black net and a haversack containing boxes for his prey.

His hunting grounds are anywhere that lamp-posts are—he is an accomplished lamp-post climber.

Even moth-hunting has its hazards. Mr Hosking has been threatened with a shotgun by a Surrey gamekeeper, and ordered off a lamp-post by the matron of a girls' hostel, also in Surrey—he had climbed the lamp-post in complete ignorance of a hostel in the vicinity.

This Reuterphoto shows Mr Hosking, net at the ready, climbing a lamp-post in a Southampton park.

Not Good Place For Saboteurs

United Nations, Feb. 4.

Mr Trygve Lie, United Nations Secretary-General, said today that the United Nations was "not a profitable place for spies and saboteurs."

In a report dealing with the problem of members of the staff accused of subversive activities, the Secretary-General said: "Almost all meetings and documentation of the United Nations are open for all to see and hear. No military secrets are ever handled by the Secretariat."

In a long report, Mr Lie said that since 1950 the American permanent mission to the United Nations had made adverse comments on only three per cent of the 2,000 Americans on his staff. In most cases the comments served only as a basis for a further examination of each case.

It had always been his policy to keep the international character of the Secretariat and to resist all measures which would undermine its independence.

At the same time he had always upheld the policy that no member of the Secretariat shall engage in subversive activities against a member government of the United Nations.—Reuter.

25 ENTRIES FOR BIG AIR RACE

London, Feb. 4.

The Royal Aero Club and the Canterbury (New Zealand) International Air Race Council announced today that 25 applications to enter the England to Christchurch, New Zealand, air race have been received.

The air race is to start from London Airport on Thursday, October 8, 1953.—Reuter.

Indian Cardinal Takes Possession Of Rome Church

Rome, Feb. 4.

Hundreds of Romans hurrying down their city's main street paused to watch as India's first Cardinal, the Archbishop of Bombay, took possession tonight of one of Rome's ancient basilicas.

Police diverted the streaming traffic to allow the scarlet-clad Cardinal to enter the church in procession, while its bells and organ rang out.

Cardinal Valerian Gracias was raised to the rank of Prince of the Catholic Church in a series of solemn consistories in the middle of January.

As a Cardinal, he automatically became one of the parish priests of the diocese of Rome, of which Pope Pius XII is the Bishop.

Tonight he took possession of his parish church, Santa Maria in Via Lata, a basilica which dates back at least 1,300 years.

According to tradition St Paul wrote his Epistle to the Hebrews from the still more ancient basilica whose ruins lie below the floor of the present church.

All the Indian priests and students working at ecclesiastical colleges in Rome as well as hundreds of clergy working in the Vatican crowded the small church to watch the ceremony.

INDIAN BISHOPS

The staff of the Indian Embassy in Rome, representatives of the British Legation to the Holy See and Monsignor Leo Kierkels, former Papal Internuncio to India, were present.

Wearing a great scarlet cloak, with an ermine mantle above it, Cardinal Gracias was led into the church by its vicar, Monsignor Francesco Morano, the Pope's auditor.

In the Cardinal's procession were Bishop Matthew Kavukath of Changanacherry and Bishop Thomas Pothacamury of Bangalore, who accompanied him to Rome from India last month.

In a short address, the Cardinal expressed his gratitude to the Pope for the honour conferred on him and pledged his efforts to the spreading of the Catholic Church in India.

At the end of the simple ceremony students of many nationalities working at the Propaganda Fide College in Rome, the central training ground for Catholic missionaries, sang the "Te Deum," the hymn of thanksgiving.

Cardinal Gracias and his suite will leave Rome for India tomorrow by air.—Reuter.

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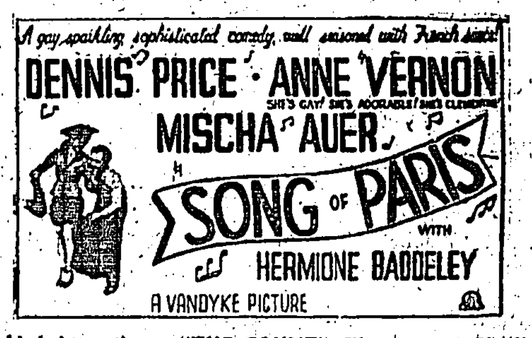

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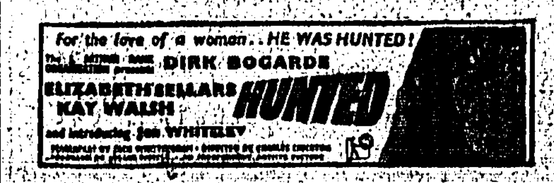

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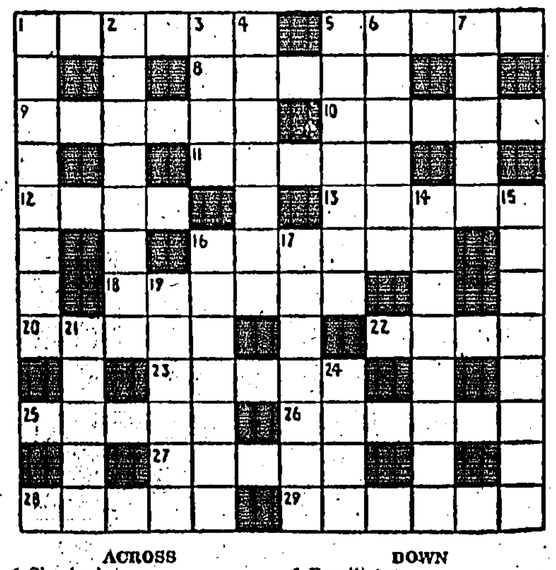

ACROSS

1 Slumbering.
6 Slacken.
8 Languished.
9 People.
10 Call on.
11 Aspirant for a commission.
12 Measure.
13 Globular.
16 Up-to-date.
18 Travelled round.
20 Prophets.
22 Part of wall.
23 Ventilated.
26 French money.
26 Idler.
27 Dance.
28 Savage.
29 Small shot.

DOWN

1 Propitiates.
2 Set free.
3 Tale of heroism.
4 Bullfighter.
5 Venerated.
6 Pressman.
7 Foreigner.
14 Illegal.
15 Member of a U.S. political party.
16 Melodious.
17 Bring out.
19 Fruit.
21 Mistake.
24 Drug.

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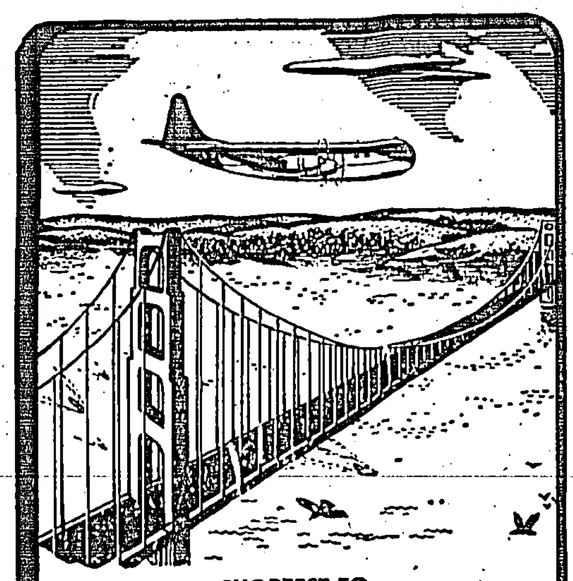

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The MANAGEMENT.

BIGGEST-EVER AUCTION SALE

By Thomas Clayton

Cairo.

CONDUCTED with the suave eloquence of a Christie's auction, thousands of bottles of gin, whisky, brandy and liqueurs from Farouk's cellar have been sold in Cairo.

The auctioneer did not need any eloquence to sell the spirits from the royal cellar — reputedly the finest in the Middle East — but he could not talk any of Egypt's leading wine merchants into buying the finest wines and magnums of champagne at this curtain-raiser to perhaps the world's biggest-ever auction sale, the sale of Farouk's property in Egypt.

Why? Wine merchants and butlers from embassies and clubs snapped up Britain's rarest whiskies and gins because they are becoming difficult to buy since Naguib's Finance Minister, Dr Abdel Gemil el Emary, has imposed rigid import bans on them to save sterling.

Rainbow Colours

THEY paid more than market prices for whiskies in the hope of being able to recoup with a profit when there is a real whisky drought in Egypt.

Prospective buyers, Greeks, Italians, French and English, talking a babel of languages but all with the common denominator of a connoisseur's palate, were ushered by a giant Egyptian palace guard into an anteroom to inspect sample bottles from the cellar stock.

The bottles stood like the hoard of a medieval alchemist —curved and fluted flasks of liqueurs, earthenware flagons of liqueurs, earthenware flagons of brandies from French monasteries, sherries and Curacaos, Chartreuses and Kirsches and Grand Marniers, the world's finest rainbow-coloured liquids trapping the thin January sunshine.

One plebian Tuborg lager bottle stood next to a Chassagne Montrachet. Twelve types of whiskies not seen in Britain since before 1939 stood like NCOs among this array, with bottles of champagne with gold labels on parade on the table like guarded ensigns.

The auctioneer stood at the glass-topped table in the green and gilt auction room—in the office wing of the Abdine Palace —as Chokli, one of Farouk's wine waiters, in a white smock and tarboosh, handed him sample bottles from lots.

Best Price

AFTER he had not sold the wines, he held up a jeraboum of champagne. Bids in Arabic, French and English rose slowly to £1.7s.6d. sterling—and stayed there. It was five piastres (or one shilling approximately) below the reserved price.

Gins went quickly, at prices below market prices. Example: bottles of gin retailing here at £2 sterling went for 35s.

An interruption to the rapid-fire bids came when the whisky arrived. The hold-up was to keep the bid figures accurate. Whiskies brought up to one-third more than their market price.

They went in lots of 132 and dozen cases, but it was one single bottle of ordinary whisky which brought the best price.

The auctioneer flourished it and asked for bids; a bottle of whisky or brandy one can buy in any Cairo grocers for 22s. It was knocked down for £2.17s.6d.

For with the bottle went a wine receipt signed by Farouk. The buyer was a Greek importer, Mr Juan Angelladjes.

He said: "I wouldn't use this brand for cocktails, let alone drink it neat, but I want to paste the receipt on the bottle and keep it on my desk."

Back To Cellar

THEN came 38 bottles of 1811 premier Napoleon brandy. Bidding stopped at £2.10s; the reserve price was £4. So back to the cellar went the Napoleon brandy.

Highest whisky price was for a whisky reputedly brewed at a distillery owned by an American gangster Frankie Costello—15s. over the import price.

The last whisky lot was called "King's Ransom," prompting the question: How much did the sale realise? We shall have to wait until we tot up the prices, said the auctioneer.

The cellar was priced at £10,000 sterling. And that was only one of Farouk's cellars.

The Abdine Palace was in wartime headlines when British tanks drove into the courtyard while the British Ambassador delivered an ultimatum to Farouk to change his Cabinet.

POCKET CARTOON
by OSBERT LANCASTER

"—and this, Lady Littlehampton, is our eldest who's majoring in economics at Vassar."

By GUY WINT

CYNICISM IN LAND REFORM

Guy Wint, widely known and distinguished writer on political affairs mainly relating to the East, has travelled extensively in India, China and Southeast Asia. After the Manchurian crisis in 1931 he served for a time on the League of Nations Technical Mission in China. He is now Far East specialist and leader writer on the staff of the Manchester Guardian.

A SMALL and inexpensive book has been published in England on the Chinese land reform. ("Land Reform in China". Batchworth Press, 1s. 6d.) A great deal has already been written about this. It has stirred up the liveliest interest throughout Asia because so many countries have their own acute agrarian problems. They look towards China to see whether its reforms offer them the key to their own difficulties.

The originality in the book just published is that it is compiled exclusively from reports in the Communist press, from speeches by Communist statesmen, and from books by Communist writers. It is an account of land reform as presented by the Chinese themselves.

The picture is rather startling. What stands out most is the almost bottomless cynicism of the Chinese Government in its conduct of the reforms. Machiavelli would certainly have admired its leaders.

—The cynicism was present at the very start. The Land Reform Law of June 1950, said that the aim of the reform was to increase the output of food. But in the instructions given by the Communist Party to its officers — printed in the Communist newspapers—it is stated quite frankly that the real purpose is very different. It is to consolidate the "People's Dictatorship" in the countryside, by exterminating the landlords and well-to-do peasants who might oppose the Communist Party.

ANTI-DESPOT RALLY

Consider the analysis in one of the principal Communist newspapers—the Kwangsi Daily —of why the Communist agitators, or cadres as they are called, are unsuccessful in some villages in stirring up the peasants against the landlords.

"During an anti-despot rally in one village, cadres did not prepare poor peasants for the occasion by telling them how to accuse and by deepening their political consciousness. When mass meetings were held, frequently somebody went on the platform to say a few words and then came down again. Land reform cadres gazed at the poor peasants and shouted to them in displeasure: "Yesterday you had so much to complain about. Now that you are on the platform you become tongue-tied. I have put down all your names. If you do not accuse well you will not be given land." . . . One woman went up on the platform of her own accord to accuse a landlord. She started by pouring forth a stream of tears. A land reform cadre said: "What are you weeping for? Go ahead and hit that fellow and be done with it!"

Later instructions to the agitators told them how to prevent any similar disaster of this kind.

The candour shown by the Communists is at times quite remarkable. Take another example. The Land Reform Law of 1950 forbade the torture of landlords; it provided them with a measure of protection. But on this one of the principal Chinese theorists, Teng Tse-hui, gives some interesting advice to agitators.

"At some places," he says, "cadres recently showed a tendency to check themselves with the law. They were afraid to do this or that. Landlords fell back on documents and laws to resist and sabotage land reform. . . . This kind of servitude to the law must be corrected. The Land Reform Law and other supplementary decrees should be used as weapons for the peasants to attack the landlords, and should not be used by the landlords as tools with which to resist land reform. . . . Some laws are open to noxious interpretations. No interpretation should be made in the interests of the landlords."

TRUE SITUATION

It is clear that the Communist leaders had no illusions about what was being done in their name in the villages, and about the true situation there. The Communists always claim to be acting in the name of the people. But here is what the Southern Daily, a Party newspaper, said in July 1951:

"In point of fact the so-called masses are but a few agitators who form a minority far removed in political consciousness from the general run of the peasants."

Here is the Yangtze Daily on the news in the villages: "The cadres pressed the landlords to give up their property, and when that failed the cadres bound them hand and foot with ropes and beat them heavily. Torture was repeatedly applied to the landlords during the class struggle."

And there is the Southern Daily, in March, 1951, on how the cadres celebrated their successes: "Heavy eating and drinking took place. Class struggle dinners were held, class struggle salaries were drawn."

These class struggle dinners, reported from numerous places, were sometimes attended by several hundred people. Wine flowed freely and fat pigs were roasted.

IN A FEW YEARS

But the greatest cynicism lies perhaps beyond all this. In the eyes of the world, the object of the land reform has been to take away the land from the landlord and give it to the poor peasant. The Communists tell him that the land is his in every sense: he is free to sell or rent it. Yet all the time, while solemnly going through the motions of creating a new class of small-holders, the Communists in their press talk freely of their intention to collectivise agriculture. The peasant is given land this year —the Communists claim' merit for it — and say at the same moment that in a year or two, or a few years at most, it will be taken from him, as Chinese agriculture is organised on the Russian pattern.

Clearly it is not for nothing that one eminent Chinese Communist says that "land reform rewrites history, as it were, by turning heaven and earth upside down."

★ DON IDDON'S DIARY ★

I Am Dining Out On My Half-Hour Talk With Mr Churchill

New York, Tuesday.

WE landed in Cuba and at Miami, Florida, on our way back to New York. I was only 20 minutes in Cuba and cannot be considered a expert on the country. No revolutions were going on. It seemed as peaceful and tranquil as Jamaica.

In fact, the airport was somnolent. I was supposed to have an orange card to get out of the aircraft and reboard it, but a small, smiling man with a big gun on his hip said sleepily: "No worry, senor. Everything fine."

At the airport bar the impatient Americans pounded the mahogany and demanded drinks. The bartender went through the motions of mixing Old Fashioneds, Martinis, and high-balls like a sleepwalker. "No worry, ladies and gentlemen. Plenty of time."

Time seems to be something that Cuba (and Jamaica) have plenty of.

The contrast in Miami was startling. The gaudy resort was jumping when I stepped on to the macadam. Women in silver mink were rushing about in the heat, their jewels jangling.

Cadillacs spurted up the drive-ways and bounced as their drivers slammed the brakes on. An airlines official sprinted towards me: "You've got ten minutes to catch the Constellation to New York. You've got to get through medical, immigration, and Customs."

The medical was easy. Immigration and Customs were not. This was the first time I had entered the United States since the McCarran Act came into effect.

Instruction book

THE Immigration official peered at my passport and examined a large book of instructions printed in tiny type. He said: "I don't know how to rate you under the new Act."

I said: "Look, I've been reporting Mr Churchill's holiday in Jamaica. I've got to get the New York plane in a hurry, and, anyway, American newspapermen—all Americans, for that matter—can get into England, my country, without a visa."

The Immigration official decided to let me in and put me down as a resident of the United States.

The Customs official said I was not a resident according to his interpretation, even if I had lived 100 years in the United States.

But they finished me through and a car sped me to the adjoining airport. I caught the New York plane with half a minute to spare and even managed to send a telegram just before the Constellation took off.

Since I got back to New York the weather has been bleak and cheerless with rain squalls and chilling cold. It's hard to think I was swimming in the blue Caribbean and lolling on the golden sands just a day or two ago.

The people's faces are white and grey, and the city looks drab after the lush, tropical scenery of Jamaica.

Memorable

I AM dining out, of course, on my half-hour at Prospect, Ochorios, with Mr Churchill. Americans are hungry for every crumb of information about the Prime Minister.

They say: "Did you really have a drink and a talk with him?" I am tempted to say that I had several drinks and a day-long conference, but that would be stretching the truth somewhat.

Actually, I rate the half-hour listening and talking to Mr Churchill as a bright highlight. I have attended several of the Prime Minister's Press conferences and heard him make a dozen speeches at dinners and luncheons, but this talk was intimate and wonderfully rewarding.

There were only four correspondents present. We shall remember the occasion.

What did Mr Churchill say? That I am not permitted to print. The meeting was social, a talk off the record.

Here in New York everyone seems to believe the great transition from President Truman to President Eisenhower, from the Democratic group to the Republicans, has taken place with a minimum of upset. There has been no jarring changing of gears, no painful creaking in the switchover.

Very Determined

PRESIDENT Eisenhower, according to those who have seen him in the White House is, serious, solemn, very determined. The famous Ike grin has vanished temporarily.

Few refer to the chief executive as "Ike" now. Instead there is a respectful "Mr President."

The case of Charles E. Wilson, chosen to be Secretary of Defence by President Eisenhower, has disturbed some Republicans and possibly worried Eisenhower. A specific law states that a Government officer cannot have holdings or interests in any business that is under contract of the United States Government.

Mr Wilson should have known this. The high-priced lawyers of General Motors, of which he was the head, or the well-informed Attorney-General or Justice Department should have told him. But none did.

He unloaded

MR WILSON, after a show of reluctance and impatience, has unloaded his General Motors investments, amounting to $2,500,000, and his appointment was confirmed by the Senate.

His two assistants, also stockholders in General Motors, are expected to sell their investments. In fact, they will have to sell out or get out.

The rather involved controversy over Wilson is called here a bad start for the new Administration, but I think it will be forgotten in a week or two. It can be put down to the ignorance of the new boys feeling their way through the Washington jungle.

There is surprise here that Mr Churchill will not be making another trip to the United States along with Messrs Eden and Butler in late February or early March.

Some sources suggest that Mr Churchill already achieved what he wanted in his talks with Mr. Eisenhower in New York before his Jamaican holiday. Myself, I don't know.

Money talks?

IT was stressed at Prospect, Ochorios, that Mr Churchill had worked very hard during his brief New York stay. You can put any interpretation you like on that.

The financial wizards talk glibly about a deal for convertibility between the £ and the dollar. A plan to tie the £ to the dollar is said to have been discussed. It is quite possible, but no official here will comment.

Otherwise, President Eisenhower's regime has begun smoothly. There are minor irritations. The American Temperance Society is demanding the extinction of the Washington cocktail party. The society claims: "In the past ten years the State Department has served 122,000,000 cocktails at home and overseas."

Perhaps it considers these drinks were significant factors in the loss of China and the rise in the Russian belligerence. There are no indications that President Eisenhower intends to take its advice and banish alcohol.

FRENCH DEMARCHE SETS WHITEHALL AGHAST

By PATRICK MAITLAND, M.P.

London, Jan. 31.

ON the eve of Mr Dulles' arrival in London to discuss, as he said over the radio last Tuesday, tying Britain, France and Germany together, the French Government has made an important new demarche.

Mr Eden has been seriously considering how Britain can help France to ratify the European Army Treaty establishing the European Defence Community (EDC). For Mr Churchill had been strongly urged by Gen. Bedell Smith, President Eisenhower's aide, to give more help to enable France and Germany to start the European Army going.

Britain had, in fact, already promised last April to enter into the closest association possible with EDC and pledged herself to come to its aid if it were attacked, so long as Britain belonged to NATO—that is, for twenty years. M. Mayer is not satisfied. For this 20-year guarantee falls short of the duration of the 1948 Treaty of Brussels, an automatic mutual aid pact between Britain, France, Holland, Belgium and Luxembourg which lasts 50.

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Next, M. Mayer wants to be sure about the number of troops Britain is ready to keep on the continent. The Commonwealth has already agreed in principle that Britain might reasonably engage in such a tie. For the Prime Ministers discussed it in London in October 1948.

Their communique stated: "There was general agreement that this association of the U.K. with her European neighbours was in accord with the interests of the other members of the Commonwealth, the United Nations, and the promotion of world peace. It was agreed that the other Commonwealth Governments should be kept in close touch with the progress of this co-operation with Western Europe."

Later, Canada took a direct hand — following conclusion of the North Atlantic Treaty, which had been first proposed by M. St. Laurent in his historic speech to the Ottawa Parliament on April 30, 1948.

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He had then declared: "Without sacrificing the universality of the United Nations it is possible for the free nations of the world to form their own closer associations for collective defence....It might grow out of the plans for Western Union now maturing in Europe....It could create a dynamic counter-attraction to Communism—a free, prosperous and progressive society."

Thus had the NATO idea been born. And under it, Mr Brooke Claxton proposed in February 1951 a three-year defence programme with provision to send a brigade group or regimental combat team to Gen. Eisenhower's integrated NATO force in Europe.

In line with that, Britain promised last May 27 "to station forces on the continent of Europe....as they deem necessary and appropriate....having regard to their interest in the integrity of the EDC." Just as Canada's undertaking to send forces to Europe was an ad hoc pledge to NATO, which may be revised at Canada's responsible discretion, so is last May's British pledge.

But this is where M. Mayer despatched his London Ambassador, M. Rene Massigli, to see Mr Eden this week on a mission which set Whitehall aghast. For M. Mayer, said the Ambassador, thinks the pledge too vague. It leaves the size of the British contribution wholly to Britain's discretion. He told Mr Eden that unless Britain agreed to give the European Defence Community a say in how many troops she should keep in Europe, France could not even accept Britain's projected association with EDC.

That would make French ratification of the treaty difficult, if not impossible, with all the concurrent dangers of an American withdrawal from Europe at which Mr Dulles hinted over the radio last Tuesday. For he then warned that if it appeared there were no chance of getting effective Western European unity, and if in particular France, Germany and England should go their separate ways, "then certainly it would be necessary to give a little re-thinking to America's own foreign policy in relation to Western Europe."

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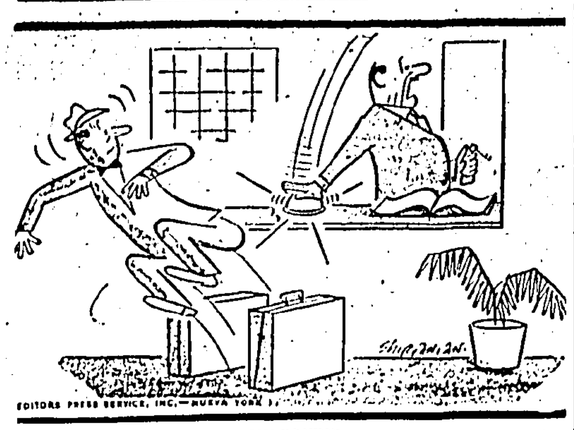
Now, M. Mayer wants Britain to promise to fix the number of British divisions in Europe in agreement with the EDC powers, or at least in consultation with them. This would not, M. Massigli explained, prevent Britain withdrawing troops if they were needed for overseas defence; indeed, an additional protocol to the treaty clarifying EDC members' right to do this was proposed by M. Mayer and would also apply to Britain if she agreed to the pledge now proposed.

Any such commitment would, of course, be hard to accept. But Mr Eden's staff are not often caught unawares. New British projects have been worked out. They will be formally communicated to the EDC Interim Commission's Steering Committee when it meets within the next few weeks in Paris.



"FRONT!"

• BY • THE • WAY •

by Beachcomber

KOOLUKATFATTI, chief of the Kuppakawfee Indians, accompanied by his wife Shoogakuki, yesterday made Mrs Pherrett an honorary member of the tribe.

After a wooden ring had been put through her nostrils, her face was spotted with ox-blood, her chin nicked lightly with a hatchet, and a symbolic fire lit under her for a moment. The warriors danced round her, playfully lashing out at her with their tomahawks and firing burning arrows over her head. "This is a great pleasure," said Mrs Pherrett in a quavering voice, as she signed her new name in the visitors' book. Roaring Laughter.....

Here, there, and everywhere

A WHIMBREL has nested in a milkman's glove for the second year in succession at Rimney.

WHILE TELEPHONING to his brother in Ireland, Mr Tom Glass, of 6, Ravenchon-parade, Burton-on-Trent, was bitten by a cat belonging to a sailor.

A HEN belonging to Mrs Wales, of Stoke Sopewick, after being fed on chopped seashells, laid an oyster.

THE AGES of nine bathchair-attendants in Chelmsford total 6,849 years.

Lady Cabstanleigh rides again

LADY CABSTANLEIGH, who leads a more or less retired life in the country nowadays, had an unpleasant experience yesterday. She was starting out on a morning ride, when she noticed that her horse was ambling along very jerkily. Dismounting, she discovered that the horse was two men. They said they wanted to rehearse their part in a pantomime. "We thought a rider would make it more realistic," they said. Lady Cabstanleigh left them to their fun, and went home for a real horse. Before mounting she knocked on its side, and shouted. "Is anyone there?" Receiving no answer but a guffaw from a groom standing near by, she groped her way into the saddle and trotted off, looking so much a part of the horse that the villagers wondered where horse began and rider ended.

Printer's frolic

POCKET cows with dwarfs to milk them are such fun; little milkmaids so small that they can run to and fro under the bellies of the cows without knocking off their miniature sunhats, or banging their foreheads.

Hup!

DEFINING the ballet as a "stylised interpretation of life expressed in terms of controlled and disciplined intellectualised emotion" is rather a pompous way of describing what to me is simply the integral representation, by choreographic mime, gesture, and positioning, of eurythmic stances and abstract motions connoting a harmony of architectonic ideas based on compositional conventions developed in a fluid medium, and culturally self-based. So they throw each other about.

Hard to please

LOUD rolled her insolent laughter.
As he stood in dismay on the mat,
Clear rang her careless challenge:
"You look like an egg in a hat."
Gently she took off his bowler,
And she gave his bald head a swift pat.
"Do now know what you look like now?" she said.
"An egg without a hat."

• JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Forget Bad Breaks; Play Sound Bridge

By OSWALD JACOBY

GEORGE Reith, Jr., played today's hand in a Virginia tournament and taught the East player never to sell him short.

West opened the deuce of clubs, Commander Reith played low from the dummy, and East won with the ace of clubs. East returned a spade, hoping to stop a cross-ruff, and declarer won in his own hand with the ten of spades.

Not a bit daunted by the bad trump break, Reith led a diamond to the ace and returned the ten of hearts. East played low, and declarer let the ten of hearts ride for a

	NORTH	11
	♠ A 6 3 2	
	♥ 10	
	♦ A Q 9 4 2	
	♣ K 9 5	
WEST		EAST
♠ None		♠ Q 9 8 7 5
♥ 9 7 6 4 2		♥ K 8 3
♦ 10 8 6 5 3		♦ K J
♣ Q 7 2		♣ A 10 4
	SOUTH (D)	
	♠ K J 10 4	
	♥ A Q J 5	
	♦ 7	
	♣ J 8 6 3	

North-South vul.

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
4 ♠	Pass	Pass	Double
Redble	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead—♣ 2

finesse. This finesse with a singleton in dummy was a key play.

Reith next ruffed a diamond, discarded a club from dummy on the ace of hearts, and ruffed a heart in dummy. When East followed with the king of hearts, the entire East hand counted out easily. Reith therefore cashed the king of clubs and led the queen of diamonds from dummy.

East ruffed, and South overruffed with the jack. Declarer could now ruff a club with dummy's remaining low trump, ruff a diamond with the king of trumps, and then make dummy's ace of trumps. East won the last trick with the queen of spades, but by that time Commander Reith had already made his contract with an overtrick for a score of 1,430 points!

CARD Sense

Q—The bidding has been:

North	East	South	West
1 Heart	Pass	?	

You, South, hold: Spades 8-6-3, Hearts K-9-7-4, Diamonds 9-6-2, Clubs 7-5-4. What do you do?

A—Pass. You have only 4 points, and you need 6 points to respond to an opening bid. A king is normally worth only 3 points, but you should count 1 point extra for the king of your partner's suit.

TODAY'S QUESTION

The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold: Spades 8-6-3-2, Hearts K-9-7-4, Diamond 9, Clubs Q-7-5-4. What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow

INTELLIGENCE TEST

THE DRONES

By T. O. HARE

MY daughter Betty belongs to a secret society. It's called "The Drones." Its members have a "special" handshake; they have a new "password" every month (the current one is Three Forwards and Two Backs") and they meet in the hockey pavilion on Sunday afternoons.

Their great joy, of course, is coded correspondence. Yesterday, for example, Betty—somewhat ostentatiously—left this message on the breakfast-table:

BMMLD NCFQB NVTSZ
UUFMC PVSLD FUJMF
OFYSR VOEZX

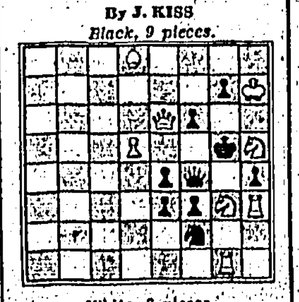
Can you decipher it?

(Solution on Page 10)

CHESS PROBLEM

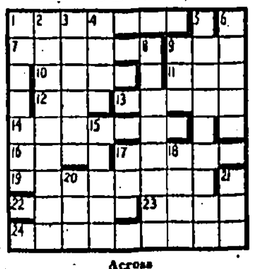
By J. KISS

Black, 9 pieces.



White, 8 pieces.
White to play: mate in two.
Solution to yesterday's problem: 1, Q—B4, any; 2, Q, or P (dis ch) mates.

CROSSWORD



Across
1. Batsman's dream of the one with a couple of ducks. (7)
7. Not in a grand mix up. (6)
9. Broken start of 23. (3)
10. Horsey firearm? (4)
11. Twisted. (3)
12. Part of the code in verse. (3)
13. Receptacle with little credit to a wriggler. (5)
14. Bird of true luv! (7)
16. Basement. (4)
17. The curer will come again. (6)
19. It's grand near Liverpool. (6)
22. Synonym of 21. (5)
23. Only part returns. (4)
24. It makes tidy rents. (9)

Down
1. Movable residence. (7)
2. Give a rogue cane, as a spur. (9)
3. Often seen in the soup. (6)
4. One of the overheads. (4)
5. Quite odd in fact. (9)
6. May be the one in fashion. (5)
8. Trente alternative for down-falls. (9)
9. The float-board of an underarm water-wheel. (6)
15. Corrupt condition, but vulgarly it is not. (6). 17. Rubbish. (3)
18. Another type of 23. (4)
20. Just half. (3) 21. See 22. (3)

Solution of yesterday's puzzle.—Across: 1, Librarian; 6, loins; 8, Ride; 10, Amazed; 11, Order; 12, Mast; 13, Uproar; 15, Sheaves; 18, (scuffled); 19, Dean; 20, Tines; 21, Exchequer. Down: 1, Limousine; 2, Bind; 3, Aggravate; 4, Advantage; 5, Newspaper; 7, Sea; 8, Prayer; 9, Idles; 14, Pilot; 15, Halo; 17, Arch.

DUMB-BELLS

YOUR BIRTHDAY.... By STELLA

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5

BORN today you are a natural leader and know how to command the respect and co-operation of others in any project in which you are interested. You have a great deal of determination and once you set yourself to accomplish something, you will not rest until it is done to your entire satisfaction.

Your ideals are high and you are a dreamer of great dreams. Fortunately, however, you have the ability to make those dreams come true by practical application of your talents. You have a good sense and know-how to make a careful budget and stick to it without being "tight." You are a good shopper and can always get the best possible values for every penny you spend.

There is a side of your nature which enjoys going out into society and you are fond of fine clothes. This is more applicable, perhaps to you of the fair sex for you have a real sense of style. You could make a career out of your social life, but this would be a pity, for you have definite intellectual talents which should be developed. You are probably a fine dancer, have a flair for entertaining and your home is likely to be the centre of any group in which you move. Just don't neglect the more important things of life for social gains, unless to you that is the most important thing in life!

You keep your own counsel in matters of importance, but when it comes to love and romance, you are not able to express yourself as easily as you might. Learn to be frank and sincere with yourself for in the selection of a life partner will rest your ultimate happiness and contentment.

To find what the stars have in store for tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Keep a cheerful outlook, no matter if a minor setback makes you gloomy! Chin up!

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—Be polite if someone turns up unexpectedly and thinks you should be very gay and entertaining.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—Utilise all your mental skill today to solve a particularly perplexing problem. You can do it.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—Don't let mounting tensions disturb your equilibrium. You can get through successfully by staying calm.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—If you do the tough jobs first, you will find the rest goes much more easily right at this time.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)—There may be upsetting elements at home today but your natural tact can smooth out difficulties with ease.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—If a friend asks for help or advice, be very practical.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—Be willing and eager to give encouragement to a friend who may be really in need of your help.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—Don't let your emotions get out of control. Curb impulses and all will turn out well.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—Better to let things take their natural course today rather than to insist upon having your own way.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—This is a fine time to spend with a loved one. The evening can prove a very happy one.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—Plan to accomplish the important things first. Don't hurry, just plod along and you'll get there!

WOMANSENSE

BY ALICE DENHOFF

DESIGN FOR LOUNGERS

DISMISS the idea that you can take it easy in any clothes. The dress designers are as busy with outfits for the off-duty hours as for the formal occasion. Here, for instance, is a new idea for lounging or cocktails in black velvet. You can buy it in separate parts: the slack with their turn-ups; the bolero and cummerbund. But you can buy a cummerbund alone to wear with an ordinary frock. The model in the picture is holding a full skirt as a change from slacks.

You can also buy a pencil skirt to match the bolero and cummerbund. Fashion experts say tapering slacks are "in" and the straight cut "out." The outfit sketched is made of showerproof street velvet.

—(London Express Service)

Little Things Add Up To Beauty

By HELEN FOLLETT

WHEN a woman gets together an attractive ensemble, she must think of what goes with what, what suits her type. Her make-up is as much a part of the picture as the frock she wears. The colour of her powder should have as much attention as the style hair-do she sports.

Complexion batik that glorifies when the lights are on may be much too striking to carry in the daytime. That is why there should be a strong light over the dressing table.

Colour Rinses

If the hair is of dismal shade, as happens often to unlucky beauty questers, a colour rinse is in order. It's not like the old days when dyed hair stayed that way, whether you liked yourself in the acquired shade or not. Now you can take a colour flight whenever you wish.

In the matter of the ensemble, consider nail polish, too. Does it get along in a friendly manner with the colour of your clothes? If you are wearing a frock of delicate pastel shade, it is out of order to have your talons carry a deep wine tone. Use a delicate coral instead. Then your finger-nails will not attract the eye of the beholder at first glance. Remember, too, that polish should match your lipstick.

Don't forget that the haircut is the most important detail of the coiffure. Find an expert along these lines; the operator who does your shampoo and wave may not be qualified to ply the scissors. A trim is no longer just a trim. It is a bit of sculpture executed by one who has had long professional training.

We are judged by little things. It may not always be fair, but it is so. Here are some of the suggestions an office girl should remember.

Don't wear high heeled shoes that make a clatter. That is one way of disturbing the boss and fellow workers. Also, nothing takes the mind off business like feet that hurt. The trotters should be comfortable.

Don't use a heavy perfume! A little toilet water or eau de cologne sprayed on neck and arms after the bath is enough.

Have your hair arranged in a simple manner, so that it will never look scrambled. And, above everything else, don't have any stray hairs on your shoulders. Nothing makes the appearance more untidy than that.

Long Fingernails

It is a mistake to have fingernails too long and too red.

Wear the smartest clothes you can afford, but never dressy ones with much ornamentation. The girl who looks efficient is likely to be efficient. If she doesn't know enough to dress sensibly, she isn't likely to know much of anything. Simple frocks and hats are smarter than fussy ones, anyway.

Don't play with the make-up kit at your desk. Do more work than is expected of you. Then you will get ahead in the working world.

Recipe Round Up

—Featuring Honey

RECIPE round-up today, the dishes geared to the time of year, which means more substantial fare. First, a hearty vegetable member, a good main dish.

Halve 5 green peppers lengthwise; remove seeds; boil 5 minutes. Mince a medium onion; brown in 2 tbsp. hot fat. Add ½ tsp. salt, ⅛ tsp. cayenne pepper, a No. 1 tin tomatoes (strained) and 2 c. cooked dried limas. Simmer 20 minutes, remove from heat and add one c. grated American cheese.

Fill peppers with mixture. Sprinkle with ½ c. buttered bread crumbs; place in shallow pan containing ½ inch hot water. Bake in moderate oven 20 min.

Special for Chops

Here's a new wrinkle for thick lamb, veal or pork chops. Trim off the fat and dip chops in melted butter. Oil broiler well and broil chops 8 minutes, then turn. Place a thick slice of peeled orange on each, then broil 8-10 minutes more. Sprinkle generously with salt, pepper, paprika, and serve at once.

Sweet and Pungent Shrimp served with braised water cress is different, delightful and a nice Friday choice.

To prepare 4 servings, use one pound fresh shrimp. Remove shells from shrimp and take out black vein. Melt 3 tbsp. butter in 9-inch frying pan over moderate heat. Finely mince and add one small garlic clove. Add shrimp and cook, stirring frequently, for about 3 minutes.

Add Pineapple

Cut 2 slices tinned pineapple into about one inch pieces and add to shrimp. Continue cooking for about 2 minutes. Add one c. seasoned chicken broth and bring to boil.

Blend together 2 tbsp. cornstarch, tbsp. brown sugar, ¼ tsp. each salt and ground ginger and 3 tbsp. lemon juice. Stir into shrimp mixture. Cook, stirring constantly until sauce thickens.

Braising Water Cress

Meanwhile, braise water cress. To do this, melt 3 tbsp. butter in 9-inch frying pan. Finely mince a garlic clove; add to butter. Cut stems of 4 bunches of water cress in ½-inch lengths; add to butter and garlic. Cook over moderate heat until barely tender—about 10 minutes.

Coarsely cut the water cress leaves and add to stems. Sprinkle with salt. Cook, uncovered, until leaves begin to wilt, stirring occasionally—about 5 minutes. When braised, arrange water cress on serving platter, top with cooked shrimp.

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MAKE use of the bountiful honey supply and bring good health as well as good fare to table. Use more than the usual trickle of honey that does so much for hot cakes, waffles or grapefruit. Use it as an integral part of dishes, even for vegetables such as this one—Sweet-Sour Red Cabbage.

Shred one head red cabbage and mix with three onions, sliced. Parboil in salted water 3 minutes. Drain. Add 4 tart apples, sliced, juice of 2 lemons, ½ c. honey. Turn into buttered casserole; dot top with 2 tbsp. butter. Bake, covered, in 350° F. oven for about an hour.

Baked Sweet Potatoes

For the best sweet potato dish ever, use honey. Cut in lengthwise halves 6 medium sweet potatoes, cooked or tinned. Bake in buttered baking dish, with one c. honey, juice and grated rind of one orange, and 4 tbsp. butter. Bake for 30 minutes at 350° F.

Spareribs Honey Bake, now there's one for the cold weather recipe file!

To serve 6-8, place 3-5 pounds spareribs in roaster. Cover with ½ c. soy sauce, mixed with ¾ c. honey, 2 tsp. prepared mustard, one clove garlic or one small onion chopped fine. Bake at 300° F. for 2 to 2½ hours, turning meat occasionally during cooking. Remove to serving plate.

Drain all but 2 tbsp. of fat from roaster. Add 2 tbsp. flour. Mix. Add one c. hot water. Cook until creamy. Serve over meat.

Savoury Pork Chops

Talk about savoury pork chops, well, this recipe is the real stuff!

Add tbsp. water to one slightly beaten egg. Roll 6 lean, trimmed pork chops in ½ c. crumbs; then in egg, then again in crumbs. Brown the chops in ¼ c. pork fat drippings. Simmer ¾ c. vinegar, ¾ c. honey, tsp. salt, tsp. allspice, ¾ tsp. cloves and 2 c. tomatoes (tinned or fresh). Simmer for 5 minutes. Pour over pork chops. Simmer covered, about one hour until well cooked through.

For the wind-up of today's honeyed words, a nice, easy-to-do confection.

Mix in the order named, one package cream cheese, ⅛ tsp. salt, 2 tbsp. honey, 6 nutmeats, chopped, one small package shredded cocoanut and powdered sugar to suit. Mix thoroughly, then roll into balls, roll in powdered sugar, and chill.

GREEN AND YELLOW GO TO THE HEAD

Green and yellow are the spring colours for Paris hats this year. Straw is still the favourite material, although there is a trend towards coastal felt contrasted with velvet.

A green and white grosgrain cap pointed in front and trimmed through the crown with a curling pheasant feather.

A natural coloured fine straw pillbox trimmed on the flat crown with beige-tipped white wings.

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BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

The Nighttime Music-Makers

—While Everyone Else Sleeps, They Come Awake—

By MAX TRELL

"I USED to think," Christopher Cricket was saying to Knarf and Hanid, the shadow-children with the turned-about names, "that I was the only one who played music at night. Of course, I mean making music inside this house where I'm spending the winter. I'm not talking about my friends who make music out of doors, like the frogs, the whip-poor-wills and the katydids."

"Why, Christopher," said Knarf, "nobody makes music in this house at night. Everyone is fast asleep."

Cat and Mice Awake

Christopher Cricket shook his head. "No, everyone isn't asleep at all. It's just Mother and Father and the children who are asleep. The cat stays awake. The mice stay awake. And I stay awake."

"And are you the ones who make the music?" asked Knarf.

"Well," replied Christopher, "we make some of the music. The cat sometimes likes to sing in her mewing way. The mice sometimes like to sing in their squeaking way. And I sometimes like to sing and play my guitar—"

"In a chirping way," said Knarf.

"Yes, but we aren't the ones who make the real music in this house during the night."

Knarf wanted to know whom Christopher meant.

"I'm sure you'll be surprised, Knarf, and Hanid, when I tell you. I heard them all last night. It's a regular chorus of voices. First of all, there's the floor."

It Isn't Singing

Hanid exclaimed in astonishment, "The floor!"

"That's right," said Christopher. "It creaks all through the night."

"But that isn't singing, Christopher!"

"It is for a floor," said Christopher. "And there's the doorknob. And the windows. They rattle . . . rat-a-tat-tat, rat-a-tat-tat."

"Just like a drum," said Knarf.

Christopher Cricket smiled. "And the water pipes gurgle."

"Like someone blowing a horn," said Hanid.

"Exactly what I mean," said Christopher. "And the curtains and the shades rustle and swish. It's their way of making music. And deep down in the cellar, the furnace roars (but in a quiet way) and blows the smoke up the chimney with a low moaning sound as if it were playing very softly on an organ."

Knarf and Hanid had never thought about all the music-makers in the house before.

Kitchen Sounds

"And there are lots of others," Christopher Cricket added—"I mean lots of other sounds, though it's hard to tell who's making them. If you listen, you'll hear tinkling and crackling and clattering (all very soft) from the kitchen. You hear flapping and tapping and grinding and snapping and chuckling from other parts of the house. Sometimes the old trunks in the attic shake off the dust, and sometimes the shoes in the closets click their heels together, and sometimes the keys hanging on a ring sing out to the locks in the doors.

"And sometimes," said Christopher, "when the wind blows, the shutters bang with the sound of a great big drum.

"All in all, these music-makers keep good time. And do you know why? It's because the old Grandfather Clock marks the time for them, tick-tock, tick-tock."

"Like a regular conductor of an orchestra," said Knarf and Hanid.

And Christopher Cricket smiled and nodded.

The mice sometimes like to sing in their squeaking way.

Rupert and the Diamond Leaf—44

Rupert is suddenly full of excitement. "I see it all now," he cries. "Both those berries must have fallen on Nutwood Common, where they grew into little plants. The Collector found one and Lily Duckling found the other and we are the only two berries that were on them." "We have searched long with no success," says the guard. "Our King must hear your story. You may have saved our secret." And soon Rupert is telling the King everything that has happened to him since he found the diamond leaf.

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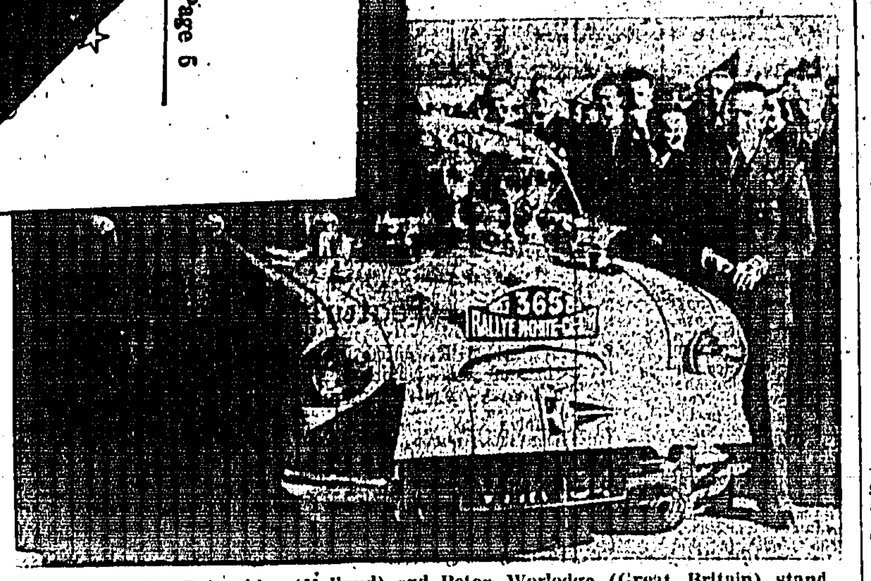
Chopped Beef Saute From The Chef

Chopped beef can be delicious or not-so-good according to the way it is prepared. Here is a new very good method.

Pat 1 lb. chopped beef into a square 1 inch thick. Cut in four portions. Brush with mustard. Brown on both sides in 2 tbsp. fat. Add 2 sliced peeled onions, and 1 sliced cored sweet green pepper (but no water). Cover and cook slowly 10 min. Then add 4 thin-sliced stuffed olives.

Serve on Madame Allen's wheat germ biscuits cut ¼ in. thick. Make and pour over pan gravy. Garnish each serving with a small fresh tomato cut like a flower, with a whole stuffed olive in the centre of each.

RALLY WINNERS



Maurice Gatsonides (Holland) and Peter Worledge (Great Britain) stand on either side of their trophy-covered Ford Zephyr car after winning the 2,100-mile Monte Carlo Rally. Besides winning the first prize of £1,000 they also won the Prince Ranier of Monaco Cup.—Express Photo.

Sports Survey

The Fabulous Glasgow Rangers Are Heading Once Again For Championship Honours

By "ALL-ROUNDER"

London.

What a club!....Meet the fabulous Glasgow Rangers. What a club! Heading once again for Championship honours, they promise this season to add yet more laurels to the club stature.

Since the Scottish League was formed Rangers have, exclusive of accomplishments between 1940 and 1946, when they were the War Regional League winners in 1940, followed by six consecutive Southern League Championships, won the Championship 27 times and been runners-up 13 times. And they consider "not so bad to be going on with" their 13 Scottish Cup Final wins. Their Scottish League record shows them to have won 1,166 of their 1,752 matches played, with only 268 lost and 318 drawn.

During that time they have scored 4,302 goals, with 1,852 against, collecting 2,650 points out of a possible 3,504.

Over the years they have met 40 clubs in the League, and against all of them Rangers possess a majority of wins.

There was that 1929-30 season when the Rangers swept the board, winning the Scottish, Glasgow and Glasgow Charity Cups, the Scottish League and Scottish 2nd XI Cup, an Alliance Championship; and also the 1933-34 triumph of annexing the Scottish, Glasgow Charity and Glasgow Cups and League Championship.

And what of their succession of noted players....Tom Hamilton,——Dougie——Gray,——Bert M'Candless, Jock Buchanan, Davie Meiklejohn, Tom Craig, Sandy Archibald, "Doo" Marshall, Jimmy Fleming, Tommy Muirhead and Alan Morton, the "Little Blue Devil"?

The latter, retired in 1932-33, played 495 games for the Rangers and scored 115 goals. Manager Bill Struth became their manager in 1920 and has had much to do with Rangers' 33 years of tremendous success.

WORLD RECORD

Of all the achievements by North Staffordshire cyclists none has surpassed that of Tommy Godwin, of Trent Vale, now a member of Stone Wheelers, who is the holder of the world cycling mileage record.

New Year's Day, 1939, he started out with the object of averaging 200 miles a day for a year. Despite two hard winters, with heavy snow, the onset of war and the blackout, he not only reached his goal, but passed his target.

In the 12 months he rode 75,065 miles, and then went on to beat the 100,000 miles record by the following Whitsun. He was the first cyclist in the world to reach such figures; since then they have not been neared.

The peak of his performance was in June when, on five consecutive days, he rode 258, 295, 361, 291 and 231 miles. His highest day's mileage was 384.

Godwin began his record ride in his 13th racing year, already a crack time trialist and one of the fastest short-distance riders in the country. His bitterest disappointment since his demobilisation from the Army has been his failure to regain his amateur status to enable him to resume his time-trial career, but he has now settled down as team trainer and manager for Stone Wheelers, who owe him so much for the prominence they have gained under his guidance.

Winner of over 200 medals in amateur sport, Godwin began cycling as a newspaper delivery boy and rode his first race at fourteen.

Over 700 North Staffordshire club cyclists signed the unsuccessful petition to the NCU in 1945 for Godwin's reinstatement to amateur status, a local indication of his extreme popularity in the cycling world.

FANS' OPPORTUNITY

Convalescing from his recent attack of 'flu, Arsenal captain Joe Mercer went to see the Liverpool - Manchester City match from the Kop terraces.

He was soon spotted by the fans, who treated him in friendly fashion, which is more than they did sometimes when he played there before them, but told him some home truths from the match spectators' point of view.

His reactions after standing throughout the game amid the toughest and most uncompromising supporters was a desire to see a match from nowhere else. He found it warm, comfortable and educating, and received a perfect behind-the-wicket view.

Says Joe: "I heard more sense talked there than on the stand. The Kop people know the game. If Liverpool people want to know what's wrong, the Kop could tell them."

Steve Parr, the Liverpool player, however, is telling with good humour of a slightly different experience amongst the Kop fraternity. Bathed and dressed after a match, Parr stood in a bus queue outside the ground. Ruminating on his club's defeat, a disgruntled Liverpool supporter moaned: "Fancy them playing Parr at inside-right! What a shocker!!"

Third Division Clubs Shown A Glimmer Of Sympathy By Football Association

By ARCHIE QUICK

The first official inkling that the Football Association has some sympathy for the Third Division clubs over the present method of Cup exemption is contained in a paragraph of the editorial of the latest FA Bulletin.

It says: "It must be admitted that there is some justification for the grievance of the Third Division clubs in that more of their members would have the opportunity of Senior Division opponents if a successful run to, say, the Fifth Round was rewarded when the following season's exemptions are made, and this would add more emphasis to the "national" aspect of the competition.

"What is more, it should be noted that if all the Football League clubs were to enter the competition at the same time there would be one round less to play than at present, and this would give clubs an extra week to play congested League fixtures."

That is the first ray of hope Third Division clubs have seen. Will reform follow. I doubt it, or rather not yet awhile. The Football Association and the Senior League clubs are too steeped in tradition to be aroused as quickly as that. But it is an encouraging glimmer.

FUNDAMENTAL AIM

The Cup competition's fundamental aim is to discover "the best club in membership" each season, and undue extension of exemption and geographical grouping defeats this object. Entry last season was restricted to a 400 odd aggregate. This too kills the "national" element.

Under the present system the 44 First and Second Division clubs are excused until the Third Round, and 50 others until the first round — that is the 48 Third Division clubs plus the Amateur Cup finalists.

The result is a "cut-throat" fight in Rounds One and Two among financially struggling Third Division sides to gain the last 20 who join the 44 select Seniors in Round Three.

There are 80 clubs in Round One in January — the exempted 50, plus 30 minnows who have survived the exhausting preliminary rounds started the previous September.

I believe the whole system needs overhauling. My suggestion is a First Round of 128 clubs, consisting of the 92 First, Second and Third Division clubs, plus the four Amateur Cup semi-finalists (surely a fair reward for those who are the backbone of the game) and 32 others who survive the final qualifying round.

Then there would be five rounds proper before the semi-finals, instead of the present six, and, as the "Bulletin" says, a Saturday saved for League arrears.

WONG PENG-SOON WILL BE HERE AGAIN IN MARCH

By "ARGONAUT"

The unofficial World Badminton Champion, Wong Peng-soon, may visit Hongkong again some time in the middle of March for a five-day stay on his way to Japan where he has been invited for a series of exhibition matches.

Together with him will be three other top-ranking Malayan players, Abdullah Piruz, Cheong Hock-leng and Charlie Seow.

Cheong Hock-leng defeated Wong Peng-soon in 1951 in the Singapore Open Championships and was the runner-up to Wong in last year's unofficial World Championships at Kuala Lumpur.

Abdullah Piruz, who is ranked fourth in the official world rankings, was the conqueror of the American Champion, Martin Mendez, in the last Kuala Lumpur Championships.

In the recent Malayan Badminton Championships, he met Wong Peng-soon in the final but a sprained ankle obliged him to retire after losing the first set 15-8. He is generally considered as the successor to the Malayan crown.

Charlie Seow was for many years the Singles and Doubles Champion of Malacca, where for three successive years before the war he was the victor in the State singles final against ex-Hongkong Champion Robert Tay, and a one-time co-winner of the doubles title with Tay.

Subject to the approval of the Hongkong Badminton Association, these players will play a series of exhibition matches here before proceeding to Japan.

Toweel Goes "Into Hiding"

Johannesburg, Feb. 4.

Ex-World Champion Vic Toweel went into hiding today to prepare for his attempt to regain the bantamweight title from Australian Johnny Carruthers on February 28.

His manager - brother, Maurice, said he wants to train away from the public eye following his first public sparring workout last night.

At the workout Toweel seemed rather slow and sluggish, although punching hard.

He appeared to be much overweight and was heavily bound around the thighs and buttocks with strips of rubber tubing to help him sweat off the excess.

The Press were not admitted to the dressing rooms after last night's training display and were told they would be "unwelcome" at the secret training camp—if they find out where it is.—Associated Press.

THREE-CUSHION BILLIARDS

San Francisco, Feb. 4.

Miss Masako Katsura, Japan's billiard star, won once and lost a game yesterday in three-cushion handicap exhibitions against Welker Cochran.

In the afternoon she scored an easy victory, 539 in 34 innings and in the evening lost, 451 in 45 innings.—Reuter.

GIRLS TAKE POLICE FOR 8-1 RIDE

A ladies' badminton team comprising the Colony's top-ranking feminine shuttlers—Ullian Khoo, Winnie Cheung, Helen Kwong, Dorothy Lam, Elvie Tsok and Stella Correa—successfully went through the first of their challenge matches against some of the Colony's Men's "C" Division teams when they took the Police team by surprise yesterday to the tune of 8-1.

The Policemen did not appear to be suitably "acclimatised" yet for this unique match, but expect to be when the return match is played.

The ladies expect to have their next match against either the CCC "Green" or "Yellow".

THE SCORES

C. L. Hui and Dr T. C. Pang (Police) lost to Ullian Khoo and Winnie Cheung 11-21, lost to D. Lam and Helen Kwong 21-23, beat Elvie Tsok and Stella Correa 21-11.

G. R. Dunning and M. S. Milnes (Police) lost to Khoo and Cheung 5-21, lost to Lam and Kwong 8-21, lost to Tsok and Correa 6-21.

T. Reynolds and J. Leighton (Police) lost to Khoo and Cheung 9-21, lost to Lam and Kwong 4-21, lost to Tsok and Correa 4-21.

"C" DIVISION BADMINTON

In a "C" Division League badminton match last night, Tytam beat King's College Old Boys' Association 8-1.

The results were:

K. K. Khoo and U. Sei-ching (Tytam) lost to Dr K. L. Hui and Dr P. H. Lau 11-21; beat K. H. Lo and K. P. Sung 21-10; beat P. C. Chau and S. K. Ng 21-9.

L. C. Wong and H. Y. Hui (Tytam) beat Dr Hui and Dr Lau 21-12; beat Lo and Sung 21-1; beat Chau and Ng 21-8.

Leo Leong and C. C. Yew (Tytam) beat Dr Hui and Dr Lau 21-7; beat Lo and Sung 21-3; beat Chau and Ng 21-3.

Only Teething Troubles At Melbourne, Says Mr Holt

Melbourne, Feb. 4.

The Games Organising Secretary, Mr P. W. Nette, said today that the Melbourne Cricket Club had undertaken to bring the cricket ground to Olympic standard for the track and field events.

He pointed out that the Victorian and Federal Governments and the Melbourne City Council between them had already guaranteed 1,250,000 Australian pounds (£1 million sterling).

The conservative estimate of the total cost was £A850,000 (£680,000 sterling).

PROVISION MADE

Mr Nette said that provision had been made for capital expenditure not only for the extension to the cricket ground but also for the Olympic cycling track and other works needed in the actual running of the Games.

"It is true that the swimming pool has not been built but the architect and engineers have been chosen," Mr Nette said. "There has been no decision on the cycling track but the money has been set aside."

Mr E. J. Holt, British athletic official, said here today that he saw no reason why Melbourne might lose the 1956 Olympics because of the proposed switch in the stadium site.

Mr Holt, who arrived here today to take up his post as technical adviser to the Games Organising Committee, attended a meeting of the committee two hours after his arrival from England.

He said afterwards that the recent conflicts and indecision about the Games were typical teething troubles, but similar problems in other cities had not been noised.—Reuter.

Manjrekar 146 Not Out Against Barbados

Bridgetown, Barbados, Feb. 4.

Vijay Manjrekar, by scoring 146 not out, led an Indian rally against Barbados on the fourth day of their match here today.

At the close the touring team, who followed on yesterday 397 runs in arrears, had carried their second innings total from 59 for one wicket to 298 for three.

The game ends on Thursday.

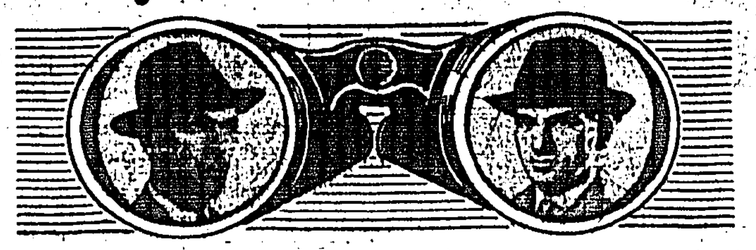
Pankaj Roy gave 22-year-old Manjrekar good support, scoring 60.

Scores at the close today were:

Barbados 600 for seven wickets declared.

Indians 209 and 298 for three wickets.—Reuter.

Why We Watch



What Happens 2 Furlongs Out

London.

HOW crooked is racing? To answer that question you need also to know the answer to another: How crooked WAS racing?

The "nobbler" has a history almost as long as British horse-racing — and that's more than 250 years old.

There were notorious incidents involving such nobbling bosses as Padwick the Spider....there was the case of Running Rein, who won the Derby — restricted to three-year-old horses — as a four-year-old.....

Such things are part of the lore of racing. Is it still going on?

That was the question put to CLIVE GRAHAM (The Scout) and PETER O'SULLEVAN. It started off a frank discussion between them. Like this:—

Clive Graham (THE SCOUT) and Peter O'Sullevan report on racing in the series

SWEEP THE ARENA

CLIVE GRAHAM: What do you honestly think, Peter, has been the worst feature of racing during the past year? Some of the owners and trainers have been trying to persuade me that the jockeys have been up to some diabolical monkey-tricks.

PETER O'SULLEVAN: Come to that some jockeys have not been too happy about certain orders which they have received from owners and trainers. There seem to be many more inspired acts of "pulling" than do occur in fact.

GRAHAM: True, and, of course, the Green family looking on notice only the ones right in front of the stand, when the jockeys are on the point of pulling up anyway, except for those engaged in the finish.

O'SULLEVAN: Agreed. The vital stage, surely, to review a race with your glasses is some two furlongs out. If there is a horse being stopped, that's usually where the anchor goes.

GRAHAM: Would you agree, too, that you find the best stopping jockeys in Australia?

O'SULLEVAN: Is that the guinea question? It is not a point which I had considered.

GRAHAM: No doubt, it has the danger of all generalities. But remember that horse at Liverpool, tucked in on the rail? About a furlong out, an opening suddenly came his way when the leaders veered away from each other. Right? The jockey stayed put, and made no effort to pass.

Now then....that was an impression transmitted from our eyes to our brain. There is no permanent record. In fact, if we were to be cross-examined, a skilful counsel would probably have us disagreeing as to the exact distance from the finish where this happened, and to the extent of the gap, as well.

He might even cause us to wonder whether we actually saw this incident, or merely imagined.

Such doubts cross my mind often, when recapturing the fleeting, vital moments of some race. Our stipendiary stewards must be handicapped on the same mark. They may be confident in their opinion but it is still an opinion, and not a fact.

In Australia, however, a visual record is made of each race by a movie-camera, and the stewards can check their impressions, if they consider any incident open to suspicion. It follows, therefore, that jockeys riding in Australia have to be, on occasion, extremely careful to avoid incurring the displeasure of the authorities. It is not nearly so difficult here.

O'SULLEVAN: Isn't it being rather unfair to stigmatise the Aussie jockeys in such a way?

GRAHAM: I don't mean to do that. They show great artistry, and consummate judgment of pace, but I find their double-wrapping, elbow-flapping style of riding is deceptive.

Even one camera, well placed, would be of inestimable assistance to the stewards, especially on those courses which are notorious for crossing and jostling. I see no reason why jockeys should not be supervised by modern methods.

O'SULLEVAN: I'm sure they don't either. But while we are discussing the seamy side of racing, there is another reform, and easily workable, too, which I should like to see introduced. Trainers have to declare whether their horses are running in blinkers, and the information is posted on the number-boards. *Why should they not declare, at the same time, what type of shoes their horses are wearing?*

GRAHAM: Carried unanimously!

O'SULLEVAN: It happens sometimes, as you know, that quite well-backed horses—well backed by the public, that is—are sent out to run in their heavy exercise shoes. That is like asking an athlete to wear ammunition boots instead of running shoes.

GRAHAM: Yes, it's an old racing saying that an extra ounce on the feet is equivalent to a pound on the back. It happens at times, I know, that a horse is virtually carrying a stone overweight without the public being any the wiser.

O'SULLEVAN: There is no reason why trainers should object to this reform. And, although it may not benefit the stay-at-home punter immediately, it would in the long run, by making form more dependable.

—(London Express Service)

Kramer Again Beats Sedgman

Pittsburgh, Feb. 4.

Jack Kramer again whipped Frank Sedgman in their pro tennis tour last night. He won in straight sets, 11-9, 10-8 to cut Sedgman's lead to 12 matches to nine.

Ken McGregor won one of his rare victories over Pancho Segura, 6-4, 0-6, 6-1. It was McGregor's fourth victory over Segura against 18 defeats.—Associated Press.

Churches Combat "Tote" Betting

San Francisco, Feb. 4.

Protestant Churches with 850,000 members are joining with businessmen to try to make totalisator betting on California horse races illegal.

Bookmaking is already illegal. Now, it is proposed to outlaw "tote" betting by securing an amendment of the state constitution.—Reuter.

BILLIARDS & SNOOKER CHAMPIONSHIPS

C. L. Chu beat F. P. da Silva by 750 points to 274 in a Colony Senior Billiards Championship match at Kowloon Tong Club last night. In the same section, Au Hing beat K. Wong at Cosmo Club by 300 points to 255.

In a Senior Snooker Championship match at Cosmo Club, A. M. Ozorio beat S. Y. Lee by four frames to three.

In the Colony Open Snooker Championship matches played at the Kowloon Cricket Club on Monday, S. P. Pong beat G. Santos 4-0 and E. A. dos Remedios beat H. C. Lau 4-1.

FIXTURES

The following are fixtures in the Colony Open Billiards and Snooker Championships up to and including February 11:

TODAY

At Lusitano Club, Junior Snooker.—Y.K. Kwok v C.M. Ma. Au Hing v C. To.

TOMORROW

At Lusitano Club. Senior Snooker.—G. J. Soares v A. P. Pereira. Senior Billiards.—G. A. Low v C. C. Lam.

Monday, Feb. 9

At Kowloon C.C. Junior Snooker.—Phillip Yang v C. W. Po. Junior Billiards.—K. Y. Chiu v E. A. dos Remedios.

Wednesday, Feb. 11

At South China A.A. Senior Billiards.—Y. T. Fong v A. A. M. Rodrigues.

At Eastern A.A. Senior Snooker.—T. C. Kwok v C. L. Chu.

At Cosmo Club. Senior Snooker.—J. E. Medina v K. Y. Chiu.

At Kowloon Tong Garden Association. Junior Billiards.—T. O. Yu v K. T. Wong.

THE GAMBOLS by Barry Appleby

SATURDAY'S RUGGER INTERNATIONAL

SCOTS FACE THE SPECTRE OF THE WOODEN SPOON AT MURRAYFIELD

By DEREK JOHN

What happens when one country has too many fine Rugby players and another does not have enough is clearly illustrated in the selections of the Scottish and Welsh teams for the International at Murrayfield on Saturday.

This match incidentally—the 57th in the series of which Wales have won 28 and Scotland 26—may decide the unenviable "wooden spoon" position.

Scotland, like Wales, have started the International season with a defeat. It was their eighth in succession and the result of insufficient talent. Probably never before in her history has Scotland gone through such a lean period.

Faced with what appears for the time being to be an insurmountable problem, the Scottish selectors have decided their best bet is to concentrate upon team work. Accordingly they have made only two changes from the side beaten in Paris on January 10, both of them in the back division.

R. Gordon of Edinburgh Wanderers and J. L. Allan of Melrose, both old 'caps,' are recalled to the exclusion of D. A. Sloan (London Scottish) and D. M. Scott (Watsonians).

SURFEIT EMBARRASSES

Wales, on the other hand, are embarrassed by a surfeit of good players and, despite losing the services of two members of last season's Triple Crown team —Don Hayward, who has immigrated to New Zealand and Lewis Jones, who has signed professional forms—have still been able to make six changes from the team beaten by England at Cardiff Arms Park.

Among those caught in the great clean-out is their captain, John Gwilliam. His place in the back row of the scrum goes to the Pontypridd player Robbins who is one of the two new caps.

Robbins was selected for the early-season Welsh trials, but then he operated as a second row forward. It is a bold experiment, but fully justifiable, when one considers that with any other country Robbins would almost certainly have been an experienced International by this time.

NEW CAPTAIN

In the absence of Gwilliam the captaincy goes to Bleddyn Williams, vice-captain of the British Isles touring team which went to Australia and New Zealand three years ago.

No longer a young man for Rugby, Williams is still a magnificent runner, relying on his famous swerve rather than speed to take him through the opposing defence. On his performances last season he was rated by the South Africans the best three-quarter in Britain.

The other new Welsh cap is C. Meredith, the Neath prop forward and the third member of this little Welsh club to be included in the pack. The other two, Roy John and Rees Stephen, the great second row pair, need no further introduction.

The recall of the Cardiff pair, Willis and Morgan, at the base of the scrum was expected. The Welsh selectors have a definite policy of playing club partnerships wherever possible, and it was only a fitness doubt about Morgan that kept them out of the England game. Their deputies on that occasion were the Newport pair, Williams and Burnett.

PARTNERSHIP POLICY

Another Newport man to be omitted is centre-threequarter Malcolm Thomas. His place goes to his namesake Alun Thomas of Cardiff. And here again the Welsh selectors have plumped for their policy of club partnerships for, of the threes, only Ken Jones, the Olympic sprinter, is not a Cardiff man.

The game on Saturday appears, on paper, to look a good thing for Wales. Individually, they should be too good for Scotland who have placed their faith in team work.

But let it not be forgotten that two seasons ago when Wales, after trouncing England at Swansea, appeared all set for another Triple Crown victory, they were deservedly beaten by 19-0 on this same ground.

Free from the worries of another Triple Crown bid, Wales ought not to fail on this occasion. Willis and Morgan are their key men and, providing they can recapture their best International form, the "leaks" hung on the Welsh goalposts by enthusiastic spectators may be matched by an equal number of "leaks" in the Scottish defence.

—(London Express Service)

Four Of Five Cup Replays Produce Decisive Results

London, Feb. 4.

All but one of the five English Football Association Cup replays today produced decisive results.

West Bromwich Albion and Chelsea battled for two hours today at West Bromwich without a goal being scored, so they will clash for a third time on Monday next on Aston Villa's ground in Birmingham.

The eventual winners will be at home in the fifth round to Birmingham City, who today well earned their 3-1 victory over Sheffield United, the League II leaders.

Birmingham have been consistently good Cup fighters in postwar years, but today they almost threw away the fruits of their superiority after building up a two-goals lead.

Midway through the second half they slackened, and under pressure a Birmingham defender put through his own goal.

Soon afterwards Sheffield were awarded a penalty but fullback Furniss missed the chance to equalise by sending the ball wide from the spot kick.

Birmingham made the game safe with a late third goal by Murphy, the best forward on the field.

On the two occasions on which Tottenham Hotspur have won the Cup final, they have beaten Preston on their path to victory. They are hoping the sequence will continue this season, but they will have to play better than they did today.

FORTUNATE GOAL

They eliminated Preston in London by a fortunate goal eight minutes after the start. Following a goalmouth melee, Baily put in a shot but the ball struck centre-forward Duquemin's heel and was diverted out of the Preston goalkeeper's reach.

The other London team replaying today, Brentford, scored first in their home match with Aston Villa, but the Villa forwards took their chances and ran out deserved winners by the odd goal of three. Brentford missed many opportunities.

Luton Town, from Division II, decisively beat their First Division visitors, Manchester City, by five goals to 1. Reserve inside-left Gordon Turner put Luton ahead after two minutes and went on to complete a great "hat trick."—Reuter.

THE RESULTS

Cup Replays

Birmingham C.	3	Sheffield U.	1
Brentford	1	Aston Villa	2
Luton Town	5	Manchester C.	1
Tottenham	1	Preston N. E.	0
W. Bromwich	0	Chelsea	0

(after extra time)

LEAGUE III

Northern

Gateshead	3	Halifax T.	1

Revised FA Cup 5th round matches following today's replays are:

Halifax Town v. Tottenham Hotspur; Chelsea or West Bromwich v. Birmingham City; Luton Town v. Bolton Wanderers or Notts County; Rotherham United v. Aston Villa.—Reuter.

SPORTRAIT

"Even if you have been capped in Coronation year, you're not entitled to wear that sort!"

London Express Service

Kramer Ready To Branch Out Into Football

Pittsburgh, Feb. 4.

Tennis star Jack Kramer said tonight that he and a group of West Coast businessmen are "deeply interested" in purchasing the San Francisco Forty-Niners "provided the price is right."

Kramer, on a tour here with Australian tennis ace Frank Sedgman, said he plans to expand his sports promotion business and believes that the San Francisco football team is "one of the best deals" in the National Football League.

Kramer is the promoter of a cross-country tennis tour which matches him against Sedgman and Pancho Segura against another Australian, Ken McGregor. —United Press.

Rugger Results

London, Feb. 4.

Rugby Union results today were:

British Police 13, Royal Navy 14;

London Irish 10, Dublin University 9;

Royal Air Force 0, Cambridge University 0.—Reuter.

Ladies' Interport Hockey Practice

There will be a practice for the Ladies' Interport Hockey team against a Schoolboys' team at the Club de Recreio ground at King's Park on Sunday, February 8, at 11 a.m.

It is requested that members of the Selection Committee also be present at this practice.

WEEK-END HOCKEY

The following are League hockey fixtures down for decision in the Ladies' League and Men's First Division this weekend:

SATURDAY

Ladies' League

Recreio "A" v Dorians "Green"—King's Park Pool Ground 3 p.m. Umpires, Mrs Stevens, Miss Lambooy.

Victorians v K.G.V. "B"—Happy Valley Pool Ground 3.45 p.m. Umpires, Tara Singh, J. Asome.

Greenting "A" v K.G.V. "A"—Police Ground 3 p.m. Umpires, Sgt Heard, L/Bdr Finlayson.

Dorians "White" v D.G.S.—King's Park Pool Ground 4.15 p.m. Umpires, Yaqub Khan, A.L. Nery.

SUNDAY

First Division (Men's)

Y.M.C.A. v H.K.H.C.—Happy Valley Pool Ground 10.30 a.m. Umpires, W.O. I.M.J. Peters, W.O.I. N.W. Lefort.

Mrs Stevens and Miss Lambooy will be undergoing an Umpires Test, when officiating the game at King's Park Pool Ground.

Teams or umpires unable to meet those fixtures are requested to contact C. Vertucci, the Hon. Fixtures Secretary of the HKHA, immediately by phone (30943).

LANDY SETS AN AUSTRALIAN 2-MILE RECORD

Sydney, Feb. 5.

The Victorian "Wonder Miler," John Landy, on Wednesday night broke his own Australian Two-Mile record by running the distance in 9 minutes 1.2 seconds before 8,000 people at Kardinia Park.

His previous record time was 9 minutes 8.2 seconds.

Landy led all the way in a field of six. The time for the first mile was 4 minutes 19.8 seconds.—Associated Press.

This is not Landy's fastest time for the distance. He ran Two Miles in 8 minutes 54 seconds in England last summer. Australian national records must be set on Australian soil.

TODAY'S SPORT

Squash

Hongkong Inter-Services 1953 Squash Championships at Victoria Barracks Squash Courts, commencing 5.30 p.m.

Table Tennis

Business Houses Sports Federation Competition at Dairy Farm Sports Association Clubroom, 2 Lower Albert Road, Hongkong.

Snooker

Colony Open Championship matches at Club Lusitano, commencing 8 p.m.

★★ A SEAT IN THE STALLS ★★

HERE, I SWEAR, IS A WONDER CHILD

Says ELSPETH GRANT

Miss Mandy Miller is seven years old. There may have been younger picture stealers (like the tot who pinched a breakfast scene from Mr Clifton Webb in "Mr Belvedere"), but I have never seen one more accomplished. Her performance in "Mandy" is nothing less than brilliant.

It would be unfair to an excellent adult cast—and, indeed, to an excellent picture—to give the impression that this astonishing child's acting in an exceedingly difficult role is the only thing that makes the film worth seeing. All that little Miss Miller does is to make it unforgettable.

Ealing Studios, never lacking in courage and imagination, have here taken, and handled with the utmost sincerity and delicacy, a serious problem—the problem of a young married couple whose only child, Mandy, is born deaf.

The grief-stricken parents (Mr Terence Morgan and Miss Phyllis Calvert), believing that as the child will never hear she will never learn to speak either, fear she will always be cut off from a normal life. What is to be done about her upbringing—how is she to be educated?

The husband and his mother, Miss Marjorie Fielding, in whose house the couple have made their home, are for keeping Mandy from the outside world. The wife is convinced that this is wrong and cruel. They quarrrel endlessly and bitterly over the matter.

At seven, Mandy is a pathetic figure. She has no contact with other children. She is lonely, suspicious—locked in the pitiful isolation of the deaf. How can little Miss Miller convey all this? I only know that she does. Either she is a genius or Mr Alexander Mackendrick, who directed the film, must be.

Miss Calvert learns of a residential school where deaf children are taught to lip read and to speak. The headmaster, Mr Jack Hawkins, convinces her that, although Mandy should have been sent to him earlier, he will be able to help the child.

Defying Mr Morgan, who doesn't want his daughter put into an "institution," Miss Calvert installs Mandy at the school. The experiment is a failure. Separated from her mother, Mandy is bewildered and terrified. Miss Calvert takes rooms in the neighbourhood and sends Mandy to the school as a day pupil.

POIGNANT MOMENT

The process of teaching the deaf to speak is slow, the methods fascinating, the results almost miraculous. The school scenes were shot at the Royal Residential School for the Deaf at Manchester—and if you are not moved, held and delighted by them then you must be a heartless old stick. I found the moment when Mandy speaks her first word beyond belief poignant.

For the sake of plot, intrigue and gossip are somewhat maddeningly allowed to precipitate a further crisis in Mandy's life —but the ending, anyway, is entirely satisfying.

Miss Dorothy Alison is remarkably fine as a patient teacher, and Miss Nancy Price impressive as a headmistress, herself deaf. As for little Miss Miller—here, one is willing to swear, is a wonder child.

Terror—But It's 'Wizard'

Lord Tweedsmuir, writing in The Sunday Times in defence of "The Maligned Planters, earning dollars in Malaya at the risk of their lives," commented: "It is a strange life for a woman to do her housekeeping in a bungalow whose lawns and garden are surrounded by a seven-foot barbed-wire fence, patrolled by armed men and lighted by arc-lights at night.

"It is equally strange to go shopping in an armoured car and bump along the miles of estate road between the lines of rubber trees, never sure that round the bend there will not be a tree felled across the road and a blast of fire from the undergrowth..."

TOPICAL

"The Planter's Wife," a well-made film that is as topical as it is exciting, perfectly illustrates all that. It goes further—captures and effectively brings home the atmosphere of awful tension, fear and frayed nerves in which these gallant people live and work, never knowing when or whence will come an attack by bandits whose fanaticism has made them utterly inhuman.

Mr Jack Hawkins, giving an excellent performance, plays a planter who has dedicated himself to preserving his plantation.

He has no time to spare for his wife, and she, beautifully played by Miss Claudette Colbert, feels that their marriage, which had survived such disasters as internment in separate Japanese prison camps, is on the verge of breaking up—for they can scarcely speak to each other without quarrelling.

She is to leave Malaya the following day to take their small son to England—and she has almost made up her mind not to return to her husband.

The events that follow in the space of a few hours—a trip by armoured car to the nearest town, an ambush, a terrifying encounter between Miss Colbert and a frenzied bandit, and finally a grim mass attack by the bandits at night—bring the couple together.

Perhaps sharper cutting would improve the final combat scenes —which just lack the intensity of the sequence where (symbolically?) a mongoose battles with a cobra—but they are still effective enough.

Anyway, Master Jeremy Spenser, who is admirably unobtrusive as a young native boy, told me he thought them "wizard."

Mr Ram Gopal, the dancer, makes his debut as a straight actor in the role of Mr Hawkins' loyal native overseer, and gives a performance that radiates intelligence. Beside him and the two stars, whose brilliance dazzles, Mr Anthony Steel, as a police inspector, seems, despite a heavy suntan, a trifle wan.

It's a persuasive film and if you have any doubts as to what does go on in Malaya these days you should certainly see it. You should see it in any case.

St. John Ambulance Orders

Order by Comm. D. W. MacIntosh, C.M.G., O.B.E. Knight of Grace, Venerable Order of St. John of Jerusalem, Commissioner of St. John Ambulance Brigade, Hongkong District Order No. 6/53 dated 5th February 1953.

Ambulance Duties—Hongkong. — 8.2.53-14.2.53, Sih Nam Div. & S.C.A.A. Nsg. Div.; 15.2.53-21.2.53, Wanchai "A" Div. & S.C.A.A. Nsg. Div.

Ambulance Duties — Kowloon. — 9.2.53-15.2.53, Tsimshatsui Div. & Shamshuipo Nsg. Div.; 16.2.53-22.2.53, K.Y.M.C.A. Div. & Shamshuipo Nsg. Div.

Penetration Squad Duties—8.2.53, Dr Ip Kam Wah & K.Y.M.C.A. Nsg. Div.; 22.2.53, Dr Wong Shing Hang & K.Y.M.C.A. Nsg. Div.

Race Duties—7.2.53, 1 p.m., Confucian Div. (Race Course). H.K.Y.M.C.A. Div. (H. Q); 21.2.53, 1 p.m., Central Div. (Race Course), K.C.O.B. Div. (H.Q.).

Street Sleepers' Shelter Duties—February 1953.—Chung Sing Nursing Division.

Return to Active Strength from Leave.—D/S Fu Tak Wo, Tsun Wan Amb. Div., returned to active strength from leave, w.e.f. 1.1.53.

Return to Active Strength from Reserve.—Cdt. Chim Mai Cho, Abraham Cdt. Nsg. Div., returned to active strength from reserve, w.e.f. 1.12.52.

Resignations.—D/S D.J. Waston, Training Officer Nsg. Divisions, resigned w.e.f. 1.2.53; A/O Connie Tsui, S.C.A.A. Nsg. Div. resigned w.e.f. 27.1.53; Amb/Sis. Lam Mui Ying, K.C. Nsg. Div., resigned w.e.f. 20.12.52; L/C Chow Hung, Manshuen Nsg. Div. resigned w.e.f. 10.11.52; Amb/Sis. Lai Yuk Mui, Western Dist. Nsg. Div., resigned w.e.f. 1.11.52; Amb/Sis's. Chan A'ee Lee, Leung Mui Fung & Bit Ngai Oi, Western Dist. Nsg. Div. resigned w.e.f. 1.12.52; Amb/Sis. Chow Yuk Chang of Aberdeen Nsg. Div. resigned w.e.f. 30.11.52; Amb/Sis. Chan Hop Ping of Aberdeen Nsg. Div. resigned w.e.f. 25.12.52; Amb/Sis. Lee Yuen Ling of Waterloo Nsg. Div. resigned w.e.f. 1.12.52.

Reserve—Amb/Sis. Lam Lai Ping of Man Shuen Nsg. Div. reserved w.e.f. 1.12.52; Amb/Sis. Ng Shiu Mui of Shamshuipo Nsg. Div. reserved w.e.f. 16.12.52; Cdt. L/C Mak Lai Hing of Abraham Cdt. Nsg. Div. reserved w.e.f. 1.12.52; D/S Lilian Ho, reserved w.e.f. 27.1.53.

Enrolments.—Shaukiwan K.Y.W.A. Amb. Div., Pte. Ng Ping Kwan, Ng Tin Chiu, Ng Ping Kuen, Tang Sang Lee, Yue Ping, enrolled w.e.f. 30.1.53; Sih Nam Amb. Div., Ptes Paul Yue Kong Chi Wing, Chow Chee Keung, Tu Ping Yim, Yiu Shing Kam, Lee Tai Ming, Ngan Man Chung, enrolled w.e.f. 28.1.53.

Football Duties—7.2.53, 1.30 p.m., Cmb. Confucian Div. 8.2.53, 1.30 p.m., Cmb. Shaukiwan K.Y. Div.

PUNG PING FAN, O.St.J.,
Assistant Commissioner,
Colony Headquarters,
St. J. A. B.

ROYAL H.K. DEFENCE FORCE ORDERS

Serial No. 5. Orders issued by Lieut-Col C. P. Vaughan, DSO, Commandant, Royal Hongkong Defence Force. Dated February 3, 1953.

FORCE ORDERS

Command. Lt-Col C. P. Vaughan, DSO, assumes the appointment of Commandant RHKDF wef February 1, 1953 during the absence of Col L. T. Ride, CBE, ED from the Colony.

Holiday. RHKDF Headquarters Happy Valley will be closed on Saturday and Monday, February 14 and 16, 1953.

Hongkong Bisley. The Hongkong Bisley will be held on Kai Tak Ranges from February 16 to February 22, 1953. The following is the programme of events:—Services Championship events (S.R.(a)). Monday, February 16. The Sadick Cup—Slow, snap and rapid at 200 yards. Tuesday, February 17. The SCMP Bowl—Slow, snap and rapid at 300 yards. Wednesday, February 18. The HKSA Cup—Slow at 500 yards. SW Lee Cup —Team Snap at 200 yards. The Falconer Cup—Team Tiles at 200 yards. Thursday, February 19. HKSA Cup (Contd)—Slow at 600 yards. The Morse Cup—Fire with movement 600 —100 yards. Friday, February 20. Championship Shoot. 600 yards. The Terry Cup—Obstacle run 400—300 yards. The Colony Championship (S.R.(a) and S.R.(b)). Saturday, February 21. The Secretary's Cup—Slow at 200 yards and 300 yards. Watson's Cup—Slow at 200, 300 and 600 yards. Sunday, February 22. Luner Cup—Slow at 300 and 600 yards. Jardine Cup—Slow at 600 yards. The competitor who obtains the highest score in the above Colony events will be the Colony Champion for the year 1953. Entrance fee $10 for all events or $5 per individual event. Any person who wishes to enter or who requires further information should contact the Force RSM, RSM F.C. Jones, in person. All entries must be made by 1200 noon February 9, 1953. The complete programme and rules may be seen on application to RSM Jones.

FORCE HEADQUARTERS

Int Unit. HQ Fl: Parade HQ RHKDF Tuesday, February 10, 1953, 5.20 p.m. Lecture. Dress: Mufti. Recce Pl: Parade Thursday, February 12, 1953. Tpt will leave MPG, 5 p.m. sharp. Sten Shoot. Kennedy Road, 5.15 p.m. sharp. Dress: As detailed.

Artillery Battery, Fd Gunnery Tp, "P" & "Q" Sec. parade Happy Valley, 8 a.m. on Tuesday, February 10, 1953. Tpt will leave MPG, 7.30 a.m. Dress: Battle dress, berets, lanyards haversacks. "A" "Inter" & "B" Sec. parade HQ RHKDF Friday, February 13, 1953, 5.20 p.m. Lecture. Dress: Mufti. C & R Tp. "C" Sec. parade SOR, 5.30 p.m. Monday, February 9, 1953. "D" Sec. parade SOR, 5.30 p.m. Friday, February 13, 1953. Dress: Mufti.

HONGKONG REGIMENT

Duties. Orderly Officer of the Week —Lt K.J. Hanmer. Next for duty —Lt F.F.C.C. Quah. Orderly Sergeant of the Week—Sgt C.W. Norris. Next for duty—Sgt A.L. Nery.

Training. "A" Coy—Tuesday. WT Film. RV 5.15 p.m. at MPG for HQ. Dress: Clean fatigue. "A" Coy—NCO's Cadre—Thursday. As ordered. "B" Coy—Monday. Drill. WT. RV 5.15 p.m. at MPG for HQ. Dress: Clean fatigue. "B" Coy—NCO's Cadre—Thursday. As ordered. "B" Coy (4 & 5 Pls)—Friday. Kai Tak Range. See Monthly Programme for details of time, dress and place. "C" Coy—Tuesday. Drill. WT. (for further details see Coy Trg Programme). RV 5.15 p.m. at MPG for HQ. Dress: Clean fatigue. "D" Coy—Wednesday. WT (11 Pl—Min Range). RV 5.15 p.m. at MPG for HQ. Dress: Clean fatigue. HQ Coy Sig Pl—Tuesday. Drill. WT. RV 5.20 p.m. Dress: Clean fatigue. MG Pl—Tuesday. Pl Comds disposal. RV 5.15 p.m. at MPG for HQ. Dress: Clean fatigue. Mor Pl—Tuesday. Pl Comds disposal. RV 5.15 p.m. at MPG for HQ. Dress: Clean fatigue. MT Pl—Tuesday. Drill. Dvr Cadre RV 5.15 p.m. at MPG for HQ. Dress: Clean fatigue. MT Pl—Thursday. Drill. WT. Dvr Cadre. RV 5.15 p.m. at MPG for HQ. Dress: Clean fatigue. Int Sec & Snipers—Monday. Drill. Pl Comds disposal. RV 5.15 p.m. at MPG for HQ. Dress: Clean fatigue. Med Sec—Tuesday. RMO's disposal. RV 5.15 p.m. at MPG for HQ. Dress: Clean fatigue. Asst Pnr & Def Pls—Monday. Classification on Min Range. RV 5.15 p.m. at MPG for HQ. Dress: Clean fatigue. PTI Course for Cpls A. L/Cpls acting as Cpls. Parade Thursday, 5.30 p.m. at HQ. Dress: Clean fatigue.

HOME GUARD

Training. Thursday. As ordered. RV 5.15 p.m. at MPG for HQ. Dress: As ordered.

HONGKONG AUXILIARY AIR FORCE

Audit—Non Public Accounts. An audit board composed as under will assemble at 0 p.m. on February 10, 1953 at Headquarters to examine the HKAAF Welfare Account. F/O C.Q. Smith—President; F/O H. Cheney—Member. Proceeding will be despatched to the Adjutant on Form 2 under confidential cover.

Trade Training. Clerks G.D. & P.A. Tuesday, February 10—HQ RHKDF. 5.45 p.m. Transport leaves Murray Parade Ground at 5.30 p.m. Police Courses. Tuesday, February 10—HQ No. 3 Police District, North Point—5.45 p.m. Transport leaves Murray Parade Ground at 5.30 p.m. Nursing Orderlies. Thursday, February 12—Windsor House—5.15 p.m.—Dr Bard. Radar Operators. Tuesday, February 10—"A" Watch—Radar Station—Half Day Training—8 a.m. Transport leaves Star Ferry at 8 a.m. Thursday, February 12—"B" Watch—Radar Station —Half Day Training—8 a.m. Transport leaves RHKDF HQ at 8 a.m. Star Ferry at 8.15 a.m. Fighter Plotters. Tuesday, February 10—"A" & "B" Watches—SOR—5.45 p.m. Thursday, February 12—"A" & "B" Watches—SOR—5.45 p.m. Fighter Controllers. Thursday, February 12—"B" Flight—SOR—8 a.m.—Half Day Training. Wireless Operators. Monday, February 9—HKAAF Hangar—6 p.m. Transport leaves Salisbury Road at 5.45 p.m. then via Jordan Road Ferry. Thursday, February 12—HKAAF Hangar—6 p.m. Transport leaves Salisbury Road at 5.45 p.m. then via Jordan Road Ferry. M.T. Drivers. Sunday, February 15—Kai Tak M.T. Section—9 a.m. Transport leaves Salisbury Road at 8.45 a.m. "Equipment Section. Thursday, February 12—HKAAF Hangar 6 p.m. Transport leaves Salisbury Road at 5.45 p.m. Photographers. Wednesday, February 11—RAF Kai Tak—Lecture—6 p.m. Transport leaves Salisbury Road at 5.45 p.m. ATC Section. Thursday, February 12—"C" watch—Full Day Training—Sek Kong. Transport leaves Salisbury Road at 8.15 a.m. Friday, February 13—A, B, C, D Watches—RAF Kai Tak—6 p.m. Transport leaves Salisbury Road at 5.45 p.m. Grounderew. Friday, February 13—"A" & "B" Flights—HKAAF Hangar —6 p.m. Transport leaves Salisbury Road at 5.45 p.m. Saturday, February 14—"A" Flight—HKAAF Hangar—2 p.m. Transport leaves Salisbury Road at 1.45 p.m. Sunday, February 15—"B" Flight—HKAAF Hangar—8 a.m. Transport leaves Salisbury Road at 5.45 a.m.

Flying Programme. Thursday, February 12—Ground Lecture—A & B Flights—All Pilots—HQ RHKDF—6 p.m. Transport leaves Murray Parade Ground at 5.30 p.m. Saturday, February 14—"A" Flight Aircrew—HKAAF Hangar—2 p.m. Transport leaves Salisbury Road at 1.45 p.m. Sunday, February 15—"B" Flight Aircrew—HKAAF Hangar 8 a.m. Transport leaves Salisbury Road at 5.45 a.m.

HONGKONG W.A.A.C.

Training. ATT Sgt Penn parade MPG 5.30 p.m. Wednesday, February 11, 1953. Signals Sec. "A" & "B" Sec. parade MPG Signals Hut Monday, February 9, 1953, 5.30 p.m. Lecture. "A" Sec. parade HKLF Tuesday, February 10, 1953, 5.30 p.m. "B" Sec. parade HQLF, Thursday, February 12, 1953, 5.30 p.m. Dress: Uniform. First Aid Sec. parade Monday, February 9, 1953, 5.30 p.m. HQ RHKDF. Lecture. Cookery Sec. Parade HQ RHKDF Monday, February 9, 1953, 5.30 p.m. Foot Drill. Store Sec. Parade Monday, February 9, 1953, 5.30 p.m. HQ RHKDF. Foot Drill. Parade Thursday, February 12, 1953, 5.30 p.m. HQ RHKDF. Report to RQMS Lane. NCO Cadre Parade HQ RHKDF 5.30 p.m. Wednesday, February 11, 1953.

(Sgd) C. P. VAUGHAN,
Lieut-Col.,
Commandant, R.H.K.D.F.

NOTICE

Lost. AC 2 Chan Shing-cheong lost from Changing Room HQ RHKDF on January 20, 1953 one bamboo basket containing 1 Civilian Jacket, 1 Ball Pen, Diary and Documents, and Keys. Will finder please contact the Administrative Officer, RHKDF.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

EIGHTH RACE MEETING 1952/53

Saturday, 7th February, 1953.

(Held under the Rules of The Hong Kong Jockey Club).

The programme will consist of nine races. The First Bell of the Extra Race will be rung at 1.30 p.m. and the race run at 2 p.m. There will be no Cash Sweep for this race.

Through Tickets (8 Races—$16.00) also tickets at $2.00 each for the Cash Sweep on the last race of the Meeting as well as the Special Cash Sweep on the "Hong Kong Derby" scheduled to be run on 2nd May, 1953, may be obtained at the Cash Sweep Office of the Club at Queen's Building, Ground Floor, Chater Road.

Through Tickets reserved for this meeting but not paid for by 10 a.m. on Friday, 6th February, will be sold and the reservation cancelled for future meetings.

To avoid congestion at the Cash Sweep Office at Queen's Building, sweep tickets may also be purchased at the Club's Branch Offices at:—

5 D'Aguilar Street, Hong Kong
or
382 Nathan Road, Kowloon

TOTALISATOR

The attention of Totalisator Investors is drawn to the following rules:—

Dividends will be paid on the winning and placed ponies so declared by the Stewards when the "ALL CLEAR" is given. The "ALL CLEAR" signal will be indicated by a white light at the Totalisator Tower. BACKERS ARE ADVISED NOT TO DESTROY OR THROW AWAY THEIR TICKETS UNTIL AFTER THE "ALL CLEAR" SIGNAL HAS BEEN EXHIBITED.

Totalisator Tickets should be examined and checked before leaving the Selling Counters as mistakes of any description cannot be rectified later.

Cash received in respect of Dividends should be checked before leaving the Pay-Out Counters as no claim for short payment of the value of tickets presented can be entertained once Investors have left the Counters.

All winning tickets and tickets for refunds must be presented for payment at the Race Course on the day to which they refer, but none will be paid later than one hour after the time for which the last race of the day has been scheduled to be run.

In no circumstances will any Dividends be paid or refunds made unless a ticket is produced. Payment WILL NOT be made on torn or disfigured tickets.

MEMBER'S BADGES AND ENCLOSURE

Members and guests are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting ladies not in possession of Brooches or Season tickets and gentlemen, non-members of the Club, to the Members' Enclosure and the Club Rooms at $10.00 including tax, for ladies or gentlemen are obtainable through the Secretary at Alexandra House, on the written or personal introduction of a Member, such member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for payment of all chits, etc.

Only a limited number of badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will be on sale at the Race Course.

The Branch Offices and the Treasurers' Compradore Office will close at 11 a.m. and the Secretary's Office at 11.45 a.m. The Treasurers' Compradore Office is situated at Queen's Building, Ground Floor, Chater Road, and the Secretary's Office at Alexandra House, 8th Floor.

A limited number of tiffins will be obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 27818).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The Price of admission to the Public Enclosure will be $3.00 including tax for all persons including Ladies and will be payable at the Gate.

Any person leaving the Public Enclosure during a Meeting will forfeit his or her right of admission to the Enclosure and will be required to pay the requisite fee of $3.00 in order to gain readmission.

BOOKMAKERS, TIC TAC MEN, ETC., WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO OPERATE WITHIN THE PRECINCTS OF THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

MEALS AND REFRESHMENTS WILL BE OBTAINABLE IN THE RESTAURANT IN THE PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

SERVANTS' PASSES

Servants' passes will be issued to private box holders only, who are requested to distribute them with discrimination and to endorse their names on the passes. Holders of such passes are not permitted in the Members's Enclosure except for passing through on their duties and must remain in their employers' stands.

Owing to the congestion in the Members' Betting Hall and at Booths adjacent to Boxes, in the Coffee Room, Box-holders and Members are requested to ensure that their servants make use only of the Public Betting Hall. Military Police will be posted at various points in the enclosure to ensure that this regulation is adhered to.

By Order,
H. MISA,
Secretary.

NOTICE

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

9th Race Meeting 1952/53

THE AINSTY PLATE
(For 1953 Ponies)

Entries will be accepted from the owners of those ponies, which may qualify at the 8th Race Meeting, for entry in the above named race up till NOON on Tuesday, 10th February, 1953.

By Order,
H. MISA,
Secretary.

NOTICE

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the 9th Race Meeting 1952/53 to be held on Saturday, 21st February, 1953, (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Alexandra House; the Club House, Happy Valley; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on Thursday, 5th February, 1953.

By Order,
H. MISA,
Secretary.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE

CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

SAILINGS TO

"POYANG"	Singapore Penang & Belawan	10 a.m.	9th Feb.
"YOCHOW"	Yokohama, Nagoya, Osaka & Kobe	10 a.m.	9th Feb.
"FOOCHOW"	Djakarta, Semarang, Sourabaya & Macassar	8 a.m.	10th Feb.
"SZECHUEN"	Bangkok	10 a.m.	10th Feb.
"SHENGKING"	Keelung	Noon	10th Feb.*
"TENGTIEN"	Singapore, Penang & Belawan?	10 a.m.	13th Feb.
"YUNNAN"	Shanghai	10 a.m.	13th Feb.
"HANYANG"	Yokohama, Nagoya, Osaka & Kobe	10 a.m.	14th Feb.
"HUNAN"	Tientsin	10 a.m.	15th Feb.
"SHENGKING"	Keelung	Noon	16th Feb.*
"HUPEH"	Tientsin	10 a.m.	21st Feb.

* Sails from Custodian Wharf

ARRIVALS FROM

"SZECHUEN"	Yokohama		6th Feb.
"FOOCHOW"	Kobe		8th Feb.
"YUNNAN"	Shanghai		9th Feb.
"SHENGKING"	Keelung	4 p.m.	9th Feb.
"HANYANG"	Bangkok		12th Feb.
"HUNAN"	Tientsin		12th Feb.
"TENGNING"	Sandakan		13th Feb.
"HUPEH"	Tientsin		16th Feb.

A.O. LINE LTD./C.N. CO., LTD., JOINT SERVICE

SAILINGS TO

"ANSHUN"	Sydney & Melbourne	Noon	9th Feb.
"CHANGSHA"	Sydney & Melbourne		19th Feb.
"TAIPING"	Japan		3rd Mar.

ARRIVALS FROM

"ANSHUN"	Australia & Japan	6th Feb.
"CHANGSHA"	Yokohama	17th Feb.
"TAIPING"	Australia & Manila	27th Feb.

BLUE FUNNEL LINE

Scheduled Sailings to Europe via Aden & Port Said.

"PYRRHUS"	Marseilles, Liverpool & Glasgow	6th Feb.
"AUTOMEDON"	Liverpool & Dublin	25th Feb.
"ATREUS"	Rotterdam, London & Hamburg	23rd Feb.
"PELEUS"	Marseilles, Liverpool & Glasgow	6th Mar.
"MENTOR"	Liverpool & Glasgow	14th Mar.
"ALCINOUS"	Dublin & Liverpool	24th Mar.

Scheduled Sailings from Europe

	Sails Liverpool	Sails Rotterdam	Arrives Hong Kong
S. "ATREUS"	Sailed	—	In Port
G. "PELEUS"	do	Sailed	15th Feb.
S. "MENTOR"	do	—	22nd Feb.
G. "ALCINOUS"	do	—	4th Mar.
S. "ANTILOCHUS"	do	—	10th Mar.
G. "PATROCLUS"	9th Feb.	13th Feb.	16th Mar.
S. "AUTOLYCUS"	16th Feb.	—	25th Mar.
G. "LAOMEDON"	24th Feb.	—	31st Mar.

G. Loading Glasgow, before Liverpool. S. Loading Swansea, before Liverpool. Carriers' option to proceed via other ports to load & discharge cargo.

DE LA RAMA LINES

ARRIVING FROM U.S. ATLANTIC & PACIFIC COAST PORTS.

"HAINAN" ..... 16th Feb.
"AGAMEMNON" ..... 4th Mar.

SAILINGS for NEW YORK, via SAN FRANCISCO, LOS ANGELES & CRISTOBAL.

§ "DONA NATI" ..... In Port
"AJAX" ..... 18th Feb.

• Direct discharge Kingston. § Direct discharge La Guaira (Venezuela).

Cathay Pacific Airways Ltd.

Route	Departs Hongkong	Arrives H.K. (on return)
HK/Bangkok/Singapore	(DC-4) 7.30 a.m. Mon. Thurs. (Connect at Bangkok with U.D.A. to Rangoon)	6.45 a.m. Tues. Fri.
HK/Hanoi	(DC-3) 6.45 a.m. Tues.	4.45 p.m. Tues.
HK/Haiphong	(DC-3) 6.45 a.m. Thurs.	4.15 p.m. Thurs.
HK/Saigon/Singapore	(DC-4) 10.45 a.m. Tues.	8.45 p.m. Wed.
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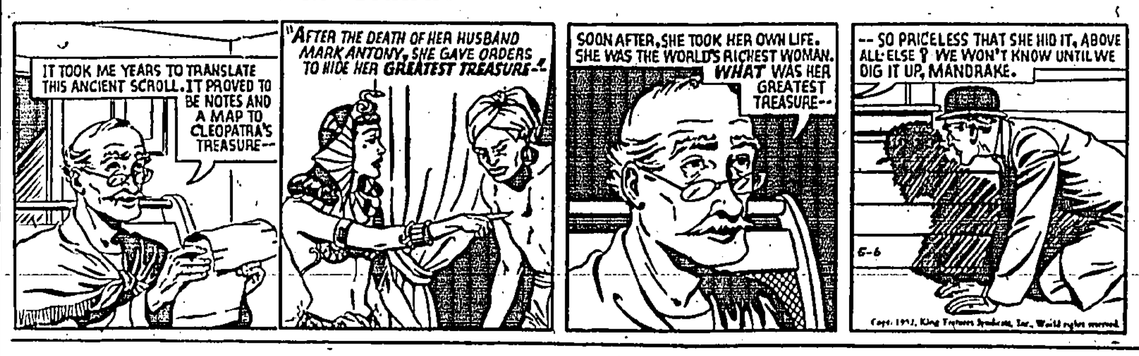

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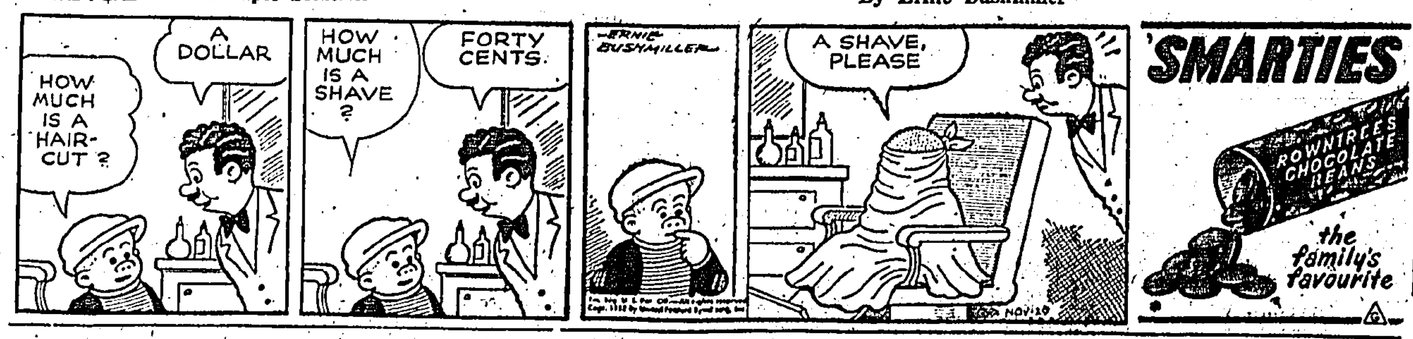

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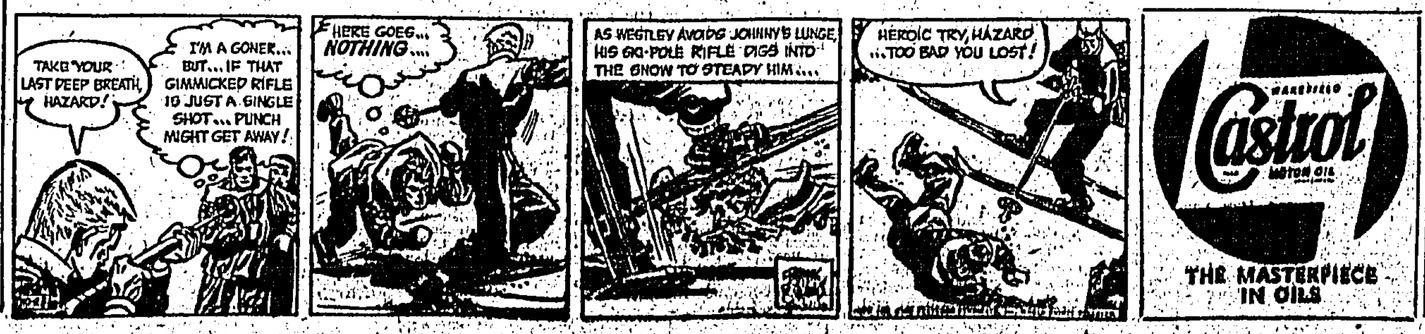

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AMERICAN DEFENCE SET-UP

Washington, Feb. 4.

President Eisenhower today ordered a major consolidation of the defence agencies, abolishing the Defence Production Administration and ordering the Defence Mobiliser to take over as head of the Economic Stabilisation Agency.

Mr Eisenhower acted by executive order.

The functions and personnel of the DPA were transferred to the Office of Defence Mobilisation.

The President directed the acting Defence Mobiliser, Mr Arthur Flemming, to serve as ESA administrator. Both actions are effective immediately.

A White House statement said Mr Eisenhower regarded his order as the "first step in a series of moves calculated to strengthen the central direction of the defence mobilisation programme."

At the same time, the President requested Mr Flemming to supervise for a limited period the activities of the National Security Resources Board, which has been without a chairman since the resignation of Mr. J. Golob.

The Presidential Press Secretary, Mr James Hagerty, said that the President hoped, by his consolidation programme, to simplify and reduce the size of independent civilian agencies responsible for "achieving and maintaining an adequate state of national security." — United Press.

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•"LA MARSEILLAISE"	Mar.	7	Mar.	8	Marseilles via Manila
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Tariff Pact To Be Studied

Geneva, Feb. 4.

A special working party of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) will study the agreement tomorrow to see if it contains adequate safeguards for Britain and the Commonwealth countries in the event of Japan's admission.

The working party will later report back to the Inter-Sessional Committee which is meeting in Geneva to consider the timing and conditions of Japan's admission to GATT.

At today's meeting of the Committee, Indian and Pakistani delegates explained why their governments had placed special duties on the export of coal and jute.—Reuter.

American Exporters Complain Of Barriers Against U.S. Goods

New York, Feb. 4.

U.S. businessmen say barriers raised by foreign governments against goods shipped from the United States are more severe today than at any time since the end of World War II.

And, many New York exporters contend, in some countries the situation is likely to get worse before it gets better.

It makes little difference whether the product is steam turbines, bed sheets, cake flour, freight cars, hot water bottles, tractors or suspender buttons. If it has to be paid for in dollars, exporters say, it's not wanted.

This does not mean that export business generally is bad. Last year's export volume was close to the high level of 1951, preliminary estimates indicate, and only a slight decline is envisaged for 1953. But, manufacturers and shippers maintain, these results have been achieved in spite of extraordinary handicaps imposed by foreign countries.

What is more, the effects of some of the restrictive policies now in force may not show up for many months, they contend.

Difficulties confronting American exporters are traced to two basic causes: Competition of revitalised industries in Europe and Japan, and that chronic post-war ailment known as the "dollar shortage problem."

"They just haven't got the dollars to buy our goods," says one American manufacturer. "They can't spend what they haven't got. To get the dollars they need, they'll have to sell more of their goods over here or keep on getting U.S. handouts."

When foreign countries run low on dollars—and most have been critically short since the end of World War II—they endeavour to save the few they have by drastically curbing U.S. imports.

SEVERAL METHODS

This is done in several ways. The simplest is to forbid outright the purchase of goods from dollar countries, or to restrict such purchases to all but a few needed commodities.

Another potent weapon is to limit dollar imports to a nominal quantity, as under Britain's "token import plan".

Banned under this system are more than token imports of such American-made items as bottled fruits, canned lobsters, whiskey, cigarettes, shoes, galoshes, leather gloves, cotton sewing thread, hot water bottles, garden hose, woven cotton piece goods, cars and bed ticking.

Britain's dollar position has improved substantially since the "crisis" of early 1952. Signs of recent improvement have also been noted in Holland, Belgium, Western Germany and Peru. But, authoritative New York banking circles state, conditions in many other countries are going from bad to worse.

Protectionist tendencies are reported to be rising in several Western Hemisphere nations where budding native industries are struggling to take root. Exporters tell the story of a big American manufacturer who set up a factory in a Latin-American country and then prevailed upon the government of that country to exclude competing products from the United States. In this case the foreign barrier was erected at the behest of an American who wanted to keep other Americans out.

EXCHANGE CONTROL

Foreign tariffs are generally regarded as less of a handicap than import and foreign exchange controls.

"American products are of such good quality—and when mass-produced they are so attractively priced — that they often override tariff barriers," one foreign trade authority states.

"But they can't get past import quotas and currency restrictions."

There are two principal schools of thought on the question of what the U.S. Government should do about foreign countries' dollar problems.

One is, "let them stew in their own juice." Another body of opinion leans toward continued foreign aid and increased opportunities for foreign imports through lower U.S. tariffs.

Informed people in each camp agree that there is no quick and easy answer.

COUNCIL'S PREDICTION

The National Foreign Trade Council predicts a slight decline in U.S. commercial exports this year, but says higher imports would increase this nation's total foreign trade to last year's levels.

Indications are that the U.S. will export manufactured products, farm commodities and other goods worth $12,500,000,000 in 1953 as against $13.2 billion the year before, the Council said. The figures do not include military aid shipments.

Total non-military exports, including goods and services, were estimated by the Council at $17.3 billion as compared with $18 billion last year.

Commercial imports will equal the 1952 figure of $11.3 billion, the Council predicted, while increased spending abroad by U.S. tourists and servicemen will help raise total non-military imports of goods and services to $15.9 billion from $15.4 billion in 1952. Total U.S. foreign trade, exclusive of military aid, would thus approximate last year's $33 billion.

The forecasts represent an intensive study undertaken by the Council's balance of payments group, a committee of exporters, importers, investors and bankers.

MANUFACTURES

The committee emphasised that the expected decline in exports will apply chiefly to farm products and fuels now being produced in increasingly large quantities in foreign countries, and that exports of manufactured goods might be as high or even higher.

"The expectation is that neither coal nor agricultural products will regain their previous position in 1953 and may undergo further decline in view of improved supply conditions abroad," the committee said. "On this basis, therefore, the outlook for manufactured and industrial products should be as good as in 1952 and for some items possibly better."

The Council estimated that foreign countries will have $19.2 billion available for purchase of U.S. goods and services this year and would spend about $17.3 billion for that purpose.

"In general it is agreed that foreign countries on balance will attempt to continue rebuilding their gold and dollar reserves during 1953," the report said.

"The major question," it added, "is whether foreign countries will pursue their restrictive policies this far or will at some point ease exchange and import restrictions, thus allowing a higher level of U.S. commercial exports."—Associated Press.

TRADE WITH ASIA

Washington, Feb. 4.

U.S. imports from Asia slumped in November and U.S. exports to Asia were smaller than a year ago, according to Commerce Department statistics issued today.

U.S. imports from Asia in November, valued at $114,200,000, compared with $250,000,000 in October and $132,000,000 in November 1951. The monthly average in 1951 was $165,900,000.

U.S. exports to Asia in November were $147,700,000 compared with $140,800,000 in October and $230,300,000 in November 1951. The monthly average in 1951 was $181,700,000.—United Press.

Kenya Market Anxiety

Lancashire Worried By Prospects

London, Feb. 4.

Kenya means more than Mau Mau to the cotton-mill workers of Lancashire. In the damp, industrial towns of North-West England, Kenya means a prosperous market now in the balance.

And in Manchester, England's cotton metropolis, the men of the trade have coined a new catchphrase. "While Kenya delays, Lancashire pays." For Kenya merchants are waiting for the Government of the Colony to decide whether or not to lift the non-Sterling imports ban which now keeps cheap Japanese cotton goods out of the market there.

Lancashire cotton men, with the depression years still an uncomfortably fresh memory, know what all-out Japanese competition can mean to their trade. They have seen, too, what a boost their products receive on a market which excludes Japanese competition.

Kenya at the moment is such a market. Last year the Colony threw up an economic barrier against Japanese goods. But that barrier lasts only until the end of June this year. Kenya must then decide if she will re-establish the ban or whether she will allow Japanese cotton goods to pour again through the port of Mombasa.

Unfortunately for Lancashire, however, Kenya merchants are already anticipating their Government's decision. Apparently they believe that the import ban will be lifted, and they have no wish to be saddled with the more expensive Lancashire products on an open market.

THE COST

Only a quick decision—and for Lancashire the right decision—can save British cotton manufacturers big sums of money.

At Cotton Board headquarters in Manchester, nerve centre of the industry, officials cannot yet estimate the cost to the industry of the Kenya delay. But it is believed to run into several thousands of pounds a week.

What is Lancashire doing about it? Some of the firms have issued orders to their East African agents to redouble their salesmanship efforts.

There is a strong suggestion, too, that the Cotton Board may yet send a delegation of their best men to Kenya to make an on-the-spot attempt to save the situation. Although even tentative plans for such a gesture are still secret, it is known that the Colonial Office is prepared to give its blessing to such a move.

A Colonial Office official commented: "Naturally the first step will have to come from the Cotton Board, and the final arrangements would be made by the Board of Trade. The Colonial Office, however, would be in favour of such a delegation going to Kenya."

Japanese Economic Recovery

"Textiles The Key"

Geneva, Feb. 4.

Mr Schoji Obata, Japanese employers' delegate to the Textile Committee of the International Labour Organisation, told today's meeting that the key to Japan's economic recovery lay in expansion of her textile exports.

Mr Obata said: "I would like to appeal to your sympathetic understanding of the fact that the key to Japanese construction as a member of the world family of free nations is actually the textile industry, and we must at all costs be able to increase our exports."

He said that although the textile industry had received more war damage than any other, it was still a gigantic one.

Mr Obata said the textile industry accounted for 25 per cent of Japan's total labour force and the number of female workers in the industry was more than 50 per cent of the total.

As the pivotal centre of Japan's rehabilitation effort, the textile industry had been given first place in importance.

Referring to the labour laws, Mr Obata said that since the end of the war, a number of legislative measures had been taken which laid down minimum standards.

"Our labour force enjoys conditions which, while they may not be better than those of the advanced countries of Europe and America, are nevertheless their equal."—Reuter.

Grain Prices In Chicago

Chicago, Feb. 4.

Prices of grain futures closed today as follows:—

Wheat—price per bushel	
Spot	2.28½ nominal
March	2.28¼-1/4
May	2.30¼-3/4
July	2.29½
September	2.31⅜
December	2.37¼
Corn	
Spot	1.50⅝
March	1.50¾-⅞
May	1.61⅛-¼
July	1.64¼
September	1.63⅜-¾
December	1.60⅝
Rye	
March	1.77 nominal
May	1.81
Oats	
March	70⅜-½
May	70-70¼

New York flour—per 200 lb. Sack. $12.00 nominal.—United Press.

New York Sugar Futures

New York, Feb. 4.

World sugar futures closed unchanged to 4 points lower with sales totalling 84 contracts.

Contract No. 6 closed 2 higher to 2 points lower with sales totalling 65 contracts.

Contract No. 4 (world)	
March	3.62 bid
May	3.61 bid
July	3.63 bid
September	3.63
October	3.64
January	3.60 nominal
March	3.50 nominal
May	3.50 nominal
Spot	3.60
Contract No. 6	
March	3.63
May	3.65
July	5.54
September	5.92 bid
November	5.90 nominal
March	5.42 nominal
Spot	5.63

—United Press.

Cotton Mission From Egypt

London, Feb. 4.

An Egyptian cotton mission of four now visiting Britain will go to Western Europe next week to seek further markets.

The mission, which is touring the Manchester and Liverpool textile centres, will visit Sweden, Holland, Belgium, Spain, Switzerland and Yugoslavia before flying back to Cairo in March.—Reuter.

PAKISTAN STEEL OUTPUT

London, Feb. 4.

An appreciable improvement in the iron and steel output of Pakistan is likely to be achieved soon owing to the initiative and enterprise of Mr John Bruce, a Scottish foundry expert.

Mr Bruce is now visiting the country under an agreement with the United Nations Technical Assistance Administration.

He began his work by surveying the production methods of the Karachi Foundry, the largest in the country. The firm, which has some 265 employees, turns out cast-iron pipes, cisterns and sanitary ware.

Within three days, Mr Bruce came to the conclusion that, although difficulty in obtaining high-grade raw materials was one of the major reasons for the poor quality of the finished product, a big improvement could be effected by introducing certain modern techniques.

As the techniques he recommended were unfamiliar to local foundry men, Mr Bruce temporarily abandoned his role as technical adviser and personally took over control of the foundry for a fortnight.

Working at each production phase himself, he virtually established within the foundry a school for training men in the new techniques.

The success of his efforts may be judged by the reduction in the percentage of castings rejected as unusable; this fell from 47 to 10 per cent.

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"STRAAT MAKASSAR"	Feb.	7	Kobe, Nagoya & Yokohama
"TJILUWAH"	Feb.	19	Singapore, Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaia & Macassar
"BOISSEVAIN"	Feb.	20	Penang, Singapore, Djakarta, Mauritius, S. Africa & S. America
"TJIBANTJET"	Feb.	21	Djakarta Semarang, Surabaia & Macassar
"TJIWANGI"	Mar.	2	Singapore, Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaia & Macassar
"TASMAN"	Mar.	6	Singapore & Br. East Africa
"STRAAT SOENDA"	Mar.	5	Japan
"TJIBODAS"	Mar.	9	Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaia & Macassar
"TJILUWAH"	Mar.	16	Singapore, Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaia & Macassar
"TJISADANE"	Mar.	17	Japan
"STRAAT MAKASSAR"	Mar.	17	Manila, Nagay, Miri, Singapore, Djakarta, Mauritius, S. Africa & S. America
"TJIPONDOK"	Mar.	23	Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaia & Macassar
"TEGELBERG"	Mar.	29	Japan
"TJIWANGI"	Apr.	1	Singapore, Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaia & Macassar
"TJIPANAS"	Apr.	3	Manila, Singapore, E. & S. Africa
"VAN BRUTSZ"	Apr.	4	Japan
"TJIKAMPEK"	Apr.	9	Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaia & Macassar
"TJILUWAH"	Apr.	16	Singapore, Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaia & Macassar
"TEGELBERG"	Apr.	22	Singapore, Djakarta, Mauritius, S. Africa & S. America
"TJIBANTJET"	Apr.	23	Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaia & Macassar
"RUYS"	Apr.	23	Japan
"TJIWANGI"	May	2	Singapore, Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaia & Macassar

ARRIVALS		From
"STRAAT MAKASSAR"	In Port	S. America, S. Africa, Mauritius, Singapore & Manila
"TJIKAMPER"	In Port	Japan
"TJILUWAH"	Feb. 12	Macassar, Surabaia, Semarang, Djakarta & Singapore

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HONGKONG SHARE MARKET

(From Our Correspondent).

Business done on the Stock Exchange this morning amounted to $259,543.80. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions:—

SHARES	BUYERS	SELLERS	SALES
BANKS			
HK Bank	1420		5 @ 1425
INSURANCES			
Canton		200	
Union	70½		
Underwriters	5.50		
SHIPPING			
Asia Nav	1.00	1.05	500 @ 1.00
DOCKS, ETC.			
N. Pt. Wharf		6.70	
Dock		20.20	
Provident	12.70	13	
S'hai Dock	2.15		7000 @ 2¼
			2000 @ 2.30
Wheelock	7.65	7¾	
Hongkew			1000 @ 2.05
			200 @ 2
LAND, ETC.			
HK Hotel	7¾	7.90	1500 @ 7¾
HK Land (O)	57½		
HK Land (N)		57	
S'hai Land	1¾	1.80	8000 @ 1.80
UTILITIES			
Tram	22.10	22.40	1000 @ 22.20
			500 @ 22.30
			500 @ 22.20
Star Ferry		118	
C. Light (O)	9.15	9.20	1107 @ 9.15
C. Light (N)	6.05	6.10	1000 @ 6.10
Electric	23.70		600 @ 23.70
Telephone	19.40	19.60	700 @ 19.50
INDUSTRIALS			
Cement	17.80	18	500 @ 17.70
			1500 @ 17.80
Rope		20.10	
STORES, ETC.			
Dairy	19		1000 @ 19
Watson		24.20	
COTTONS			
Ewo		3.65	1000 @ 2½
			3000 @ 2.60
MISCELLANEOUS			
Yangtsze	5.50	5.80	

Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local unofficial exchange market this morning at the following rates:—

U.S. dollar (per $1)	6.020
Sterling note (per £1)	16.70
Indonesian guilders (per 100)	52.50
Siam ticals (per 100)	34.40
Singapore (Straits)	18.35
PIC piastres (per 100)	11.65

U.S. Wants Wheat Price Increase

Washington, Feb. 4.

The United States has informed International Wheat Agreement nations, that it wants almost a 40 per cent increase in the present top price stabilised by the pact.

The United States, the world's biggest wheat exporter, wanted the ceiling price raised from $1.80 to $2.50 a bushel.

Representatives of the 46 Wheat Agreement countries are negotiating in private conferences here whether to renew the four-year-old pact when it expires in July.

Sources said today that the United States price demand meant a big gap between the stands of the exporting and importing countries, but they stressed that negotiations were in an early stage and the position may change.

It was learned that the United States wants a guaranteed fixed minimum price of $1.90.

The United States also indicated at the present session that she wanted to restrict a future agreement to shorter term — possibly two years. — Reuter.

LONDON TIN MARKET

London, Feb. 4.

The tin market was firm today. Turnover was 55 tons, including 10 tons for cash. Prices closed at the end of the official morning session as follows:—

Spot tin, buyers	979
Spot tin, sellers	980
Business done at	980
Three-months tin, buyers	950
Three-months tin, sellers	951
Business done at	951
Settlement	980

—United Press.

The Rubber Markets

Singapore, Feb. 4.

Prices of rubber futures closed today as follows:—

March	77¼-½
April	77¼-76⅞
May	——
Number 2 rubber, March	73½-74
Number 3 rubber, March	70¾-71¼
Number 4 rubber, March	67½-68
Spot rubber, unbaled	76¾-77¼
Blanket crepe	68-70
No. 1 pale crepe	83-90

—United Press.

LONDON MARKET

London, Feb. 4.

Prices of rubber futures closed today as follows:—

Number 1 rubber, in pence per lb.	23-23⅛
March	23-23¼
April/June	23-23⅛
July/September	22¾-⅞
October/December	22½-¾

—United Press.

NEW YORK MARKET

New York, Feb. 4.

Prices of rubber futures closed unchanged to 15 points lower with sales totalling 42 contracts. In the spot market, a fair-sized business was done during the morning between dealer interests along with some buying on factory account. The market faltered later while traders appraised the Korean War situation. Prices closed today as follows:—

March	27.50
May	26.96
July	26.50 nominal
September	26.30
December	25.90 nominal
March	25.95 "
Spot	27½ "

—United Press.

A RECORD YEAR

Amsterdam, Feb. 4.

In 1952 the record number of 4,707 sea-going ships totalling 27,349,091 tons entered the port of Amsterdam, it was officially announced.

As compared with 1951 the number of ships increased by 353 and the tonnage by 3,164,231, the Municipal Statistics Department announced.—Associated Press.

Cotton Industry Shortage Of Workers

Manchester, Feb. 4.

Britain's cotton spinning industry, fighting its way back from a recession that cost thousands of workers their jobs, is facing a labour shortage.

During the last nine months of last year the industry lost 22,000 workers, Mr Alfred Roberts, General Secretary of the Cardroom Amalgamation, reported today.

There are now some 100,000 British cotton spinners, compared with a labour force of nearly 124,000 a year ago.—Associated Press.

Dullness In Wall St.

New York, Feb. 4.

In continued light trading stocks moved irregularly and narrowly through a dull session today.

The market overall finished slightly lower.

Dealings totalled 1,000,000 shares. Of 1,103 issues traded, 423 advanced, 440 declined and 310 were unchanged.

Motion picture issues showed strength stemming from the announcement of some firms' production in a new type of dimensional colour. Chemicals moved widely either way. Rails were mixed in fractions generally. Oils were mixed. Steels showed little change. Motors were featureless.

Dow Jones averages at the end of the session stood as follows:—

30 industrials	288.0
20 rails	110.70
15 utilities	83.11
40 bonds	98.49

—United Press.

Trade Control

Melbourne, Feb. 4.

The Prime Minister, Robert Menzies, said today that as soon as the Australian Government has a complete picture of import and export balances "we will be able to reach some decision whether to leave import restrictions alone or alter them."

"The import restrictions were imposed," he said, "to watch our imports and exports and save the drain on overseas funds."—Reuter.

JAPANESE BONDS

London, Feb. 4.

Japanese bonds.

"A" (4½ of 1899)	80½
"B" (4½ of 1910)	71¼
"C" (5½ of 1907)	120
"D" (5½ of 1934)	105½
"E" (5½ of 1939)	158
Consols	58-13/16

—United Press.

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A Wife's Secret

WHEN married women steal from shops, and are caught, they tell their husbands as a rule.

I have often tried to picture how the news is broken. Whether with bravado ("Can you stand a bit of a shock....?") when the children have gone to bed, or tearfully on the doorstep. Whether loudly or in whispers lest the neighbours should overhear. Whether the whole truth is told, or only a part of it ("You know how absent-minded I am").

Whatever the method, you may be sure, that somewhere in London tonight, a wife is steeling herself to shatter the routine tranquillity of her home by confessing herself a thief. Tonight, and every night, except Sundays.

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IN court we see the end-results of the confessions. The husbands who have made some excuse to the boss for having the morning off, come gallantly to court. They tiptoe to the witness-box, careful to keep their eyes away from the dock, and they intone, as though they were reading the words from a printed card, like the oath: "She's always been a very good wife....not been well lately....never done anything like this before....can't understand...."

The wife in the dock looks bleakly at her man, as if she did not rate his performance very high and expected him to do better. The wife is fined for her crime and the husband reaches for his wallet.

So it goes, generally.

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Elspeth's case was different, because on the day she was caught shoplifting her husband was away from home, about his business as a commercial traveller.

She was caught stealing two pairs of gloves, and at Bow Street pleaded guilty to the crime before Mr Frank Milton.

"Does your husband know about this?" Mr Milton asked Elspeth, when the story had been told to him.

"No, no," sobbed Elspeth, and she told the magistrates why. "He'll never know, if I can help it," she said.

She is a handsome woman of 38, and in court she wore a smart brown suit that matched her red hair very well. She also wore gloves.

"I see you've got some gloves of your own," the magistrate observed.

"Y-yes. I don't know *why* I took two pairs from the shop," cried Elspeth, dabbing her eyes with a handkerchief.

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"IF you do this sort of thing again, you know, you'll go to prison," Mr Milton said.

"I'll never do it again I can assure you," Elspeth answered with conviction in her trembling voice.

The magistrate changed the subject slightly: "I don't know whether you are wise to keep this secret from your husband," he said. "Won't he have to pay the fine, if there is one?"

"Oh, can't I take it out of the housekeeping?" Elspeth pleaded, as though she suspected there might be some man-made law against such an arrangement. She had told the police she had £5-£7 housekeeping money a week.

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"YOU will pay a fine of £5, and I shall give you a month to pay," Mr Milton said. "I think if you're wise, before you leave, you should have a word with the probation officer as to how to deal with this matter at home."

"Oh, thank you, I will," Elspeth said; and, severely shaken, she left.

Her husband may never know what happened that morning; unless, of course, he notices a four-week falling off in the standard of living in his home, and demands to know just how the housekeeping money has been spent.

INTELLIGENCE TEST SOLUTION:

The key is "Three Forwards and Two Backs." To encipher a message its letters are divided into groups of five. In each group, the first three letters are put forward (A becomes D, B becomes C, Z becomes A); the next two are put back. To decode the message the reverse process is of course employed. The example quoted reads:

ALL MEMBERS MUST ATTEND OUR MEETING NEXT SUNDAY.

London Express Service.

OUR AUSTRALIAN NEWSLETTER

Public Sickened By Olympic Games Bickering

FROM H. KING WOOD

Sydney, Jan. 30.

Bickering, indecision and parish pump politics have just about made a near-certainty of Australia losing the 1956 Olympic Games.

It is taken more or less for granted now that the International Olympic Committee will not be messed around much longer by Melbourne and at its meeting in April it will give the Games to some other country capable of getting on with the job.

It is now three years and nine months since Melbourne was named as host country for the 1956 Olympics. In that time it has acquired three abandoned post holes and hundreds of reams of paper. Right from the start things have gone wrong — and have continued to get worse.

As the afternoon paper The Sun pointed out in an editorial: "Ordinary Australians, who welcomed the prospect of the Olympic Games at first, have become heartily sick of the bickering and are now burying the great idea alive."

Next development that can be looked for is the resignation of the chairman of the Games Controlling Committee, Mr A. W. Coles. A. W. Coles isn't the type of man to stand for long the present mess up.

Head of a huge chain-store business, one-time independent member of Parliament who held balance of power, later chairman of the Airlines Commission which organised and brought into being Trans-Australia Airlines, he is recognised as one of the most able and efficient administrators in Australia. If anyone is capable of making the Games click A. W. Coles is the man.

He hasn't said so in so many words, but the hints he has let drop here and there indicate that he won't be on the payroll much longer — and that's going to be another blow towards the knock-out.

And finally, if it is a question of expense, the powers-that-be could keep this in mind: It cost Finland (pop. 4-million) well over £6-million to stage the last Games. It got back a little over £2-million, but reckoned the rest of the money was well spent on publicity.

Unless we can subscribe to this view we should get out while the getting is reasonably good.

PROPERTY SEARCH

The Japanese Diplomatic Mission is preparing to buy a property in Canberra for an Embassy building.

The Japanese mission in Canberra numbers 21 persons, including the families of the representatives. Some members of the mission will be stationed in Sydney, but the majority will live in Canberra.

The Ambassador, Mr. Haruhiko Nishi, is at present living at the city's leading hotel, Hotel Canberra.

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Last year a dog owned by Raymond Hogan, of Hobart, Tasmania, bit Miss Beatrice Brooke. She complained to the police, and in court this week Raymond was fined for allowing the dog to be at large.

But Raymond did not have enough cash on him to pay the fine.

So Beatrice lent him ten shillings.

GLOBE TROTTER

A spry little woman, 78, stepped out of a flying boat here this week with little luggage, bounding enthusiasm, and a round-the-world air ticket that cost her £1,422 and an itinerary that covers 35 cities and 21 countries.

She is Miss Isabelle Noble, a BA, who has been travelling off and on for 12 years, has plans for going to the moon in a rocket before it is all over.

Said Miss Isabelle: "This trip I've seen Tahiti—that's where I always wanted to go but it rained for the nine days. I'm going to Bali, if I can get a visa, then Japan, China, Hongkong, India, Turkey, Israel, Arabia and Europe, so that I'm in England for the Coronation of your Queen Elizabeth.

"I've got a seat that cost 88 dollars, but I don't know where it is.

"And when I'm through with this trip I'm going to the moon in a rocket—yes, sir!"

SOMETHING LEARNT

Dr Hans Hass, Viennese scientist, here with his wife to take colour pictures of marine life, now believes that Australian sharks (underwater variety) are more dangerous than sharks in other parts of the world.

Until he came to Australia the doctor had the idea that a swimmer could scare off a shark by immersing his head and shouting. Now, after a study of sharks at the Great Barrier Reef he is inclined to have a different idea.

"The sharks we saw often came close to us, and showed none of the hesitation of sharks in other parts of the world.

"Sometimes they came so close that we had to hold them off with our spears. As soon as they found us they would come straight towards us. I can now better understand the number of shark attacks in Australian waters.

The doc, particularly wanted pictures of sharks swimming towards him. From all accounts he's got them.

ARGUMENT GOES ON

The wool v synthetic argument goes its merry way. Latest figure back in the ring is president of the Graziers' Association, Mr T. G. Carter, who wants the wool industry to spend more on scientific research and promotion.

His idea is that the various accumulated wool funds, which total a huge amount, should be used to meet the impact of the coming "textile revolution".

Mr Carter declared that the properties of wool must be improved and its versatility increased by scientific methods. Wool must enter new markets which blending had opened up, he said.

"The wool industry recognised the threat of synthetic fibres in 1936," he said, "and then began to spend money on promotion and research. Since then various interests have given so much publicity to the development of synthetic fibres that the Australian public is beginning to believe that they are crying wolf.

"It is time we realised that fibres most competitive with wool are of recent origin. Their production so far has been in the pilot-plant stage and they have been sold in US deliberately at the highest feasible price to offset cost in research and promotion.

"We mustn't forget, too, that synthetic have advantages which make considerable appeal to textile manufacturers. They need no scouring, carding or combing and they have the advantage of price stability."

MUTUALLY SATISFIED

This week there was a bit of back slapping by a Japanese and two Australian soldiers.

The Japanese, Hide Kurushima, only Jap. scout to attend the recent Pan-Pacific Jamboree, left by airliner for home. He said he took with him "thousands of wonderful memories". Everyone in Australia, he said, had been "most pleasant to him".

"I have been greatly welcomed wherever I have stayed, and I shall come again. I would like to organise an international jamboree in Japan when I return. He added that he hoped to bring a troop of scouts to the next Jamboree, to be held in Melbourne.

The Australian diggers were home after serving more than five years in Japan. Back on leave, they said Japan was a wonderful spot—particularly if you get some leave.

Said Corporal Hols: "We didn't ask to stay that long. We just forgot to ask to come home, but one way or the other we managed to have a pretty wonderful time."

Factory Explosion Kills 6 Workers

Madrid, Feb. 4.

An explosion today wrecked a workshop at an explosives factory near Vitoria, northeast Spain, and killed six workers.

Four girls were among the dead.

Five other workers were injured, one seriously.—Reuter.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith

"I'm ashamed, George, of you kicking me under the table—I never can tell whether you mean to bid or pass!"

'What Should I Do' Appeal By Driver

Witness's Evidence In Symons Case

"What should I do" was Dr Robert Symons' appeal to a passenger in his car when he ran over an old woman on the morning of January 1. This evidence was given by Captain Richard Connell, the passenger, at Central this morning, before Mr. Hinshing Lo.

The witness added that Dr Symons was in a panicky state and did not have the presence of mind to stop the car. Captain Connell had replied "you must inform the Police." The witness then insisted on getting out of the car and defendant finally stopped the vehicle near the Rediffusion Building. Capt. Connell then walked back and reported the accident at the scene.

Describing the accident, Captain Connell said that while travelling along Queen's Road East towards Wanchai, he noticed a woman dressed in black crossing the road some five yards ahead of the car. Before he realised what was happening, he felt an impact and saw the body of the woman sliding over the bonnet.

Defendant is represented by the Hon. Leo D'Almada, QC, and Mr Oswald V. Cheung, both instructed by Mr F. Zimmern. Mr Cheung had entered a plea of not guilty at a previous hearing to charges of dangerous driving, careless driving, failing to stop after an accident and failing to report an accident.

MEDICAL EVIDENCE

Medical evidence was given by Dr T. C. Pang, who said that the deceased was hit by a force directed at the front portion of her body and that her lower ribs were smashed in by the impact. He added that it was consistent with car accidents.

Dr Pang declined to reply to Counsel's question as to whether the small amount of alcohol found in the woman's stomach would be sufficient to affect her senses. Counsel pointed out that the food also found in deceased's stomach would have a counter-acting effect on the alcohol.

Further evidence was given by L/Cpl Derek Watkins, of the Welsh Regiment. He testified that at about 6.20 a.m. on January 1, he heard a screeching of brakes followed by a scream. He was on duty at the main gates of Victoria Barracks. He rushed forward and saw a car driving past a body lying on the road. Thereupon he took the number of the car and went into the guardroom to write it down. He told the Court that the number was HK 9433. In the guardroom he failed to find a pencil so Cpl John Yeo, of the Royal Army Pay Corps, wrote it down on a piece of paper which was produced in Court.

Corroborative evidence was given by Yeo, who added that it was a clear night and the street was well lighted.

Hearing is proceeding.

Fatal Accident To Soldier

A British soldier, whose identity has not been disclosed until the next of kin have been notified, was the victim of a fatal accident yesterday.

First reports say that he was riding a bicycle in Borrett Road when apparently it went out of control. The rider was thrown off the machine at the corner of Borrett and Kennedy roads and severely injured.

He died late last night in the Bowen Road military hospital.

Mail Notices

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5

By Air

Philippines, N. Borneo, 4.30 p.m., C.P.A.

By Surface

Macao, 9 a.m.; 6 p.m., ss Lee Hong/Tak Shing.

Indo-China, 3 p.m., ss Elsbeth.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6

By Air

Formosa, 9 a.m., via C.A.T.

C.P.A.L.

Indo-China, France, French North & West Africa, 11 a.m., Air France.

Indo-China, France, French North & West Africa, 6.30 p.m., Air Vietnam.

Philippines, Guam, Hawaii, U.S.A., 5 p.m., P.A.L.

Formosa, Okinawa, U.S.A. (Seattle & Western States), Canada, 6 p.m., H.K.A./N.W.A.L.

N. Borneo, Australia, New Zealand, 6 p.m., Q.E.A.

Japan, 6 p.m., B.O.A.C.

Malaya, Indonesia, Ceylon, Middle East, 6 p.m., B.O.A.C.

By Surface

Macao, 9 a.m., 6 p.m., ss Lee Hong/Tak Shing.

China, People's Republic, 8.30 a.m., train via Canton.

Malaya, Ceylon, Aden, Middle East, France, 10 a.m., ss Cyrrhus.

Japan, 11 a.m., ss Nordfjeman.

Indonesia, 11 a.m., ss Tjikampek.

Philippines, 1 p.m., ss Herta Maersk.

India, Pakistan, 4 p.m., ss No. 3 Manteiau Maru.

Radio Hongkong

H.K.T.

6 Programme Summary; 6.02, It's Swingtime; 6.30, Vocal Gems from "Brigadoon"; 7, Time Signal, World News and News Talk (London Relay); 7.15, Fritz Lehmann—conducting the Berlin Philharmonic Orch.; 7.30, Wilfred Pickles in "Have a go!"—A Quiz Programme produced by Barney Colehan (BBCTS); 7.50, Weather Report; 8, Appointment with Music; 8.30, First Rehearsal—with Bernard Braden, Barbara Kelly, Benny Lee, Peter Carr, Ronald Fletcher, Nat Temple and his Orchestra (BBCTS); 9, Sports Review by Brig. Young (Studio); 9.15, At the Opera—"Cosi Fan Tutte" Act 1 (Mozart) Scenes 1 and 2—Glyndebourne Festival Opera Company cond. by Fritz Busch; 10.30, Music of the Twentieth Century; 10.45, Waltz Time—New Mayfair Orchestra; 10.59, Weather Report; 11, Radio News Reel (Recorded London Relay); 11.15, Goodnight Music; God Save The Queen; 11.20, Close down.

CROSS-EXAMINATION OF ARCHITECT ON HIS CLAIM FOR FEES

The question of fees on which the plaintiff claimed he was entitled to payment was raised by Counsel for the Defence this morning in cross-examination of Antonio Henrique Basto, who is claiming payment for professional services, when hearing continued before the Senior Puisne Judge, Mr Justice E. H. Williams, in the Supreme Court.

Basto, authorised architect, surveyor and engineer, of Prince's Building, claimed $93,784, representing architect's fees for professional services rendered in connection with plans for Inland Lot No. 1743 in Des Voeux Road West, and for reasonable remuneration for similar services in respect to plans for Inland Lot No. 1408 in Yee Wo Street, East Point.

Defendant was Liu Po-san, merchant, of 128 Wing Lok Street West.

The claim was on estimated costs for abandoned work on the two lots.

Mr D. A. L. Wright, instructed by Mr M. E. Ives, appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr Brook A. Bernacchi, instructed by Mr P. H. Sin, was for the defendant.

Plaintiff claimed the stipulated fees at two per cent of the total cost of the work in relation to IL 1743, with an alternative claim based on quantum meruit (as much as he or she deserved), and on IL 1408 plaintiff claimed on quantum meruit alone.

Examination-in-chief of Basto was completed this morning after he had clarified certain statements in evidence given earlier. He also said that the present structure on IL 1743 was a three-storeyed godown covering the whole lot, and was a very much bigger scheme than the one he himself had prepared plans for on the defendant's instructions.

Basto also denied he had ever assured defendant that he could obtain a mortgage for $2,000,000 without difficulty.

CROSS-EXAMINATION

Cross-examined by Mr Bernacchi, who suggested that an earlier witness, Ip Wing-sang (formerly employed as assistant to Basto), had never been an employee of his, plaintiff said that at the time he was working on plans for projects concerned in the action the man had been his assistant on a commission basis.

Asked whether at that time, 1948, Ip was also working for a firm called the Kwong Sing Loong, plaintiff said that at the beginning of the projects, when plans were prepared for a three-storeyed godown, Ip was working for Kwong Sing Loong, but when plans were commenced for the five-storey building, Ip was working in his office.

Shown various correspondence which had passed between himself and the PWD in connection with IL 1743, plaintiff agreed that it appeared the Kwong Sing Loong firm had been engaged as contractors for that site, although he had not seen any contract between Kwong Sing Loong and the defendant, as was customary between contractor and lot owner.

Plaintiff said that in the normal way, after a permit had been received from the Building Authority, tenders were called for. In the matter under discussion, plaintiff said no tenders were called for.

FEES AGREEMENT

Mr Bernacchi then questioned plaintiff on fees and produced a letter which plaintiff acknowledged was an agreement over fees between himself and the defendant. (Witness agreed in the letter to accept two per cent of the total estimated cost of construction as fees).

Mr Bernacchi: You were prepared to do the work on IL 1408 on the same basis?

Plaintiff: Yes.

You personally at that time considered this a reasonable remuneration, having regard to the size of the scheme involved?—I did not consider it as reasonable. It was on the low side but I agreed to accept it.

Quite frankly—as you yourself said you are out to be as reasonable as can be—the terms you want are the terms contained in this letter?—I would be satisfied with that.

On both projects?—Yes.

Referred to a fee note dated May 5, 1949, which plaintiff admitted he had sent defendant together with a covering letter, and in which he set the figure of one per cent on $600,000, namely, $6,000, for abandoned work, plaintiff said he was actually entitled to more than half-fees, but he had named the figure he did because he had heard the defendant had suffered considerable losses in speculation, so he was prepared to make a reduction.

Mr Bernacchi: On May 5, 1949, you asked for one per cent in respect of the three-storeyed godown and I suggest that is what you thought you were entitled to under the agreement you made with the defendant. What you had done in drainage was more than compensated by what you had not done in RCC work?—As I mentioned in my letter to defendant, I was giving him generous terms. I was prepared to accept that amount if he settled immediately.

Asked why he had charged only half per cent on another item in his fee-note, Basto said that since he did not actually get a permit on the second scheme (the five-storeyed building), and though he was entitled to charge two-thirds of two per cent under the RIBA Schedule, he thought he should charge defendant less. "You can call it generosity on my part," Basto remarked. He agreed the plans had been disapproved at that stage. Before he could make any amendment to the plans the scheme was abandoned by defendant.

Mr Bernacchi: At that stage with any client, where the plans had been disapproved and you had been instructed to abandon work, you don't suggest you would be entitled to two-thirds of the agreed fees?

WORKING DRAWINGS

Plaintiff: They were all working drawings. Amendments which were required were very slight and would not have involved much trouble.

Here you had certain instructions to prepare certain plans for development of a lot. Having reached a certain stage with the working drawings, you were instructed that your client wanted a building bigger than the one for which you had prepared plans: do you say you would charge him fees for the work on the other building where he had abandoned the scheme?—Yes.

You would have charged him at the same rate you would have charged had you received no instructions for the bigger scheme?—Yes, I am entitled to it. Under the RIBA scale of charges you will find that even sketch plans which have been submitted and approved, and on which amendments are necessary, are items on which one could charge for extra work.

Extra work, yes, but this is merely the replacement of one scheme by another. Have you ever before had a similar position where you had one scheme on which you had prepared plans for a client and he then wanted a bigger scheme and scrapped the earlier one?—Not in my recollection.

NEW WORK

I suggest to you that no architect in such circumstances would reasonably insist upon his fees twice over, fees for the old plans and fees for the new one. He would merely charge an additional fee under his charges for the new building.—In this particular case all the working drawings had been prepared and submitted. It was actually new work altogether. Another reason why I charged less was because I got the enlarged project under the third scheme. I am entitled to full charges for each of the schemes.

I suggest it is not reasonable to charge full fees on a scheme where it has been abandoned for a bigger scheme which has been given to you instead.—I think it is reasonable. The work had already been done. I and my staff have lost all the time in preparation of the plans, and we had then to prepare the new scheme. It is like taking on a new job. One begins all over again.

Surely in a case like this where you already have the plans relating to the area, where you already have the measurements checked, and the basic lay-out available in your office, a third set of plans would not involve as much as the original?—Apart from the lot measurements, the plans are completely new.

Explaining his fee-note further, Basto said that at the time he sent it to the defendant, he would have been prepared to accept the figures set out therein as a final settlement provided they were paid at an early date, failing which he reserved the right to charge according to the proper scale of charges.

The hearing is proceeding.

Nationalist Guerillas In Action

United Nations, Feb. 4.

The Chinese News Service, official information agency of the Nationalist Government, said today that between January 1 and October 15 last year more than 580,000 organised anti-Communist guerillas, who had been active on the Chinese mainland, inflicted 41,727 casualties on the Chinese Communists and captured 3,025 prisoners.

It was claimed in addition that the guerillas had destroyed 4,500 tons of petroleum products, 572 boats, 21 factories, 148 bridges, 404 vehicles, 335 miles of railway lines and 125 warehouses.

Most of the guerillas were in contact with Nationalist military headquarters on Formosa, it added.

The News Service said this information had been disclosed last week by a highly placed military strategist on Formosa.

He said the guerillas could exert maximum pressure on the Communists and could co-ordinate with Chinese Nationalist regular troops when major operations for the overthrow of the Chinese Communists were launched.

Military supplies were being sent to the guerillas.

The News Service also said 20,000 well-trained marine guerillas were making almost daily raids on the Communist-held coast from island bases only 20 miles from the mainland.—Reuter.

No Clearance Papers

Saying that it was a very serious offence to leave port without clearance papers, Mr T. B. Low at the Marine Court this morning fined Leung Wing, 39, coxswain of the motor launch Cayuse, $100 for the offence.

Leung's 75-ton launch was intercepted by Sub-Inspector Blackhurst off Lung Ku Tan, near Chinese territorial waters, yesterday morning. Defendant, who told the Police that he towed a junk out of Hongkong, had clearance papers which expired last January 28.

Used Private Car For Hire

Pleading not guilty to a charge of using a private car for hire, Tam Tat-kuen, 33 years old employed chauffeur, was found guilty by Mr Thomas Tam who imposed a fine of $500 on defendant.

The defendant picked up a fare near Robinson Road and dropped her near Cable & Wireless. He stated he was paid $2.50 by his fare, but on being searched by the Police he was found to have on him three dollar notes.

Hawker Murder Trial Verdict

Li Wing, 38-year-old hawker, charged with murder of Ng Kit-wai, another hawker, in the Mongkok Market on October 27, was found not guilty by a jury of six men and one woman at the Supreme Court today. They found him guilty of manslaughter, for which he was sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment with hard labour. Li was defended by Mr Patrick Yu.

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